

WHY JOE BIDEN?



Biden believes he is committed to governing in a way that every UAW worker has the right to return home from work safely.

- ★ **Joe Biden is committed to addressing safety** over the most dangerous hazards workers encounter in the modern workplace.
- ★ **Joe Biden is committed to doubling the number of OSHA investigators** to protect UAW members by enforcing the law and existing standards and guidelines.

Joe Biden is committed to keeping frontline workers safe by issuing an Emergency Temporary Standard that requires specific, enforceable guidance on what to do to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- ★ Joe Biden is committed to finalizing a permanent infectious disease standard to protect UAW members.
- ★ **Joe Biden is committed to working closely with state** occupational safety and health agencies and state and local governments, **and the unions, like the UAW, that represent their employees to ensure protections for frontline workers.**
- ★ **Joe Biden is committed to ensuring all UAW frontline workers have access to high quality, appropriate personal protective equipment** and appropriate training on how to use it.
- ★ **Joe Biden is committed to expanding UAW members' access to PPE** by fully using the Defense Production Act.

Joe Biden is not new to safety protections for frontline workers.

- ★ As Vice President, Joe Biden created rules to protect UAW members from two deadly chemicals: respirable crystalline silica and Beryllium.
- ★ As Vice President, Joe Biden added more than 200 OSHA inspectors. Under Obama-Biden, OSHA issued nearly 1,200 enforcement actions, many protecting UAW members that involved serious penalties in its first seven years.
- ★ As Vice President, Joe Biden improved whistleblower protection for UAW members who suffered retaliation for exercising their health and safety rights.
- ★ As Vice President, Joe Biden has experience in responding successfully to pandemics like the H1N1 flu epidemic. This successful response is one of the reasons that the epidemic is not well-remembered by many UAW members. And a permanent infectious disease standard to protect UAW members was then created but was later shelved in 2016.

And Joe Biden will encourage union organizing and defend collective bargaining which are both keys to giving workers a UAW voice in their health and safety protections.

That is why your brothers and sisters on UAW CAP committees, have endorsed Joe Biden for the office of President of the United States.

Why Joe Biden? He's right for our UAW families and he's right for UAW members' health and safety in the workplace.

For more detail see the UAW Health and Safety Fact Sheet.