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Utility Workers Union of America Endorse Bernero for Governor

Lansing, MICH. – July 22, 2010 - Today The Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) announced their endorsement of Lansing Mayor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero for governor.

In announcing their endorsement, the UWUA cited Bernero's strong record of standing up for workers and unions in Michigan.

"While some in Michigan want to blame the workers and the unions for the economic crisis, others like Virg Bernero are standing up for us," said Michael Langford, National President of the UWUA. "He shares our values – that the middle class must be protected, that the American Dream should be accessible to everyone in our nation, that corporate greed must not be allowed to destroy our livelihoods and the future of our kids and grandkids."

The UWUA has more than 12,800 members and retirees in Michigan. UWUA members work in the electric, gas, water, and nuclear industries.

"Our state is hurting, but we will thrive once again – and we'll do it by working with, not working against, the workers and unions who created the middle class in America," said Bernero. "I'm proud to be the pro-worker candidate in this race. I stand with the UWUA and their hard-working members and am thankful for their support."

This endorsement comes on the heels of endorsements from the Michigan Laborers' District Council, the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the American Federation of Teachers Michigan (AFT Michigan), the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) and the Michigan AFL-CIO. The AFL-CIO represents more than 600,000 active and retired members in 59 unions throughout Michigan, including the United Auto Workers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

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