



May 18, 2023

Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our member locals in Virginia, Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 5, Steamfitters Local 602, Sprinkler Fitters 669, Plumbers and Pipefitter Local 110, and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 10, I **want to congratulate you on earning our endorsement!**

Since the 2019 elections, the lives of Virginia's construction workers have improved by leaps and bounds. From the first-ever prevailing wage law to the repeal of a ban on project labor agreements to laws helping to fight wage theft and misclassification, more construction workers in Virginia are earning good family-sustaining wages. Whether through your actions in elected office or our conversations over the last few months, you have shown your commitment to our members and the issues that matter most to them. These issues include defending and improving the state prevailing wage, project labor agreements, increased enforcement of occupational licenses, increased use of registered apprenticeship programs, and fighting wage theft and misclassification. These issues do not only affect union workers but all workers. They ensure that local workers can work in their community. Construction projects are done by a skilled workforce prioritizing worksite and public safety. Finally, there is a level playing field for all bidders on public construction projects by ensuring no race to the bottom on wages and benefits.

Our organization and our programs are not for profit. Our membership fully funds them without a need for taxpayer support. Our members pay for our work on their behalf, from training programs to political action. Whether it is the approximately \$20 million per year spent on apprenticeship training by our five locals or the pennies per hour given to our medical, pension, and political funds, it all comes from our members. We want you to know this because whenever we ask for something, we want you to know it is not about profits; it is all about helping our members and all working in Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please reach out to me and let me know how we can help your campaign. I can help coordinate all things between your campaign and the different locals. Also, have someone from your team contact me to coordinate an endorsement rollout, including logos, quotes, etc.

Congratulation again, and I look forward to working with you on your path to victory in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Ascher'.

Jason Ascher
Political Director
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