Why Trump is Wrong for Operating Engineers

1. Supports 'Right-To-Work'

Trump said, "I love the 'Right-to-Work.' I like it better because it is lower. You are not paying the big fees to the unions." These laws drive down wages and benefits, undermine worker protections and job safety. [SC Radio Network interview 2/17/16]

2. Fights Union Organizing

Trump has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to union-busting lawyers to fight organizing drives at his properties in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. These tactics weaken local wage and benefit standards the same markets where members of IUOE Locals 68 and 501 make a living. [Julie Gutman Dickinson, Huffingtonpost.com 9/13/16]

3. Hires Union Only When He Has To

For every union-built property outside of New York and New Jersey, Trump builds two more non-union. If there is no Project Labor Agreement in place, Trump builds union only one out every five projects. [IBEW, The Electrical Worker, August 2016]

4. Fails to Pay Workers Properly

In hundreds of government filings and at least 60 lawsuits, Trump and his businesses have been accused of failing to pay workers — painters, plumbers, carpenters, and others —for the work they performed. Trump's newest hotel just opened in D.C., built by a low-road contractor, and was under investigation by the Dept. of Labor for failing to pay prevailing wages.

[Steve Reilly, USA TODAY, 8/9/16; politico.com/story/2016/06/trump-dc-hotel-investigation-labor-department-224678]

5. Trump Bankruptcies Cost Good Union Jobs

Union workers, including IUOE Local 68 members, were severely impacted with the Trump Plaza and Trump Taj Mahal properties in Atlantic City declaring bankruptcy four times and then ultimately closing down for good. Trump has a long track record of disregarding union contracts.

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6. Crosses Picket Lines

While union members involved in the backstage production of his reality-TV show "The Apprentice" were picketing for fair wages, Trump publically crossed their picket line and fought their union for years. [medium.com/@IATSE/trump-crossed-apprentice-picket-line-ba8b7ee21bd4#.n1ezv8lsy]

Why Hillary Clinton is the Best Choice for Operating Engineers

1. Opposes 'Right-To-Work'

Hillary says, "Right-to-Work is wrong. It's wrong for workers and it's wrong for America." In the U.S. Senate, she stood with organized labor in protecting workers' rights and worker safety.

[North America's Building Trades Union conference, 4/19/16]

2. Will Invest in Infrastructure

Hillary Clinton has a detailed, \$275 billion plan to invest in rebuilding America and create thousands of good Operating Engineer jobs all across the country as a result. She will send her plan to Congress immediately after taking office.

[HillaryClinton.com/briefing]

3. Supports Project Labor Agreements

Hillary is committed to project labor agreements that promote skilled union workers who can deliver safe, quality projects on time and under budget.

[HillaryClinton.com/briefing/statements/2015/10/28/iuoe-endorsement/]

4. Will Protect Prevailing Wage Laws

Hillary says, "I will protect the prevailing wage standards and project labor agreements that make construction careers middle-class careers."

[North America's Building Trades Union conference, 4/19/16]

5. Supports Collective Bargaining

As a Senator, Hillary stood with striking Local 30 Stationary Engineers. Her personal involvement brought a successful end to the contract dispute and helped strengthen language for engineers in future collective bargaining agreements.

[Columbia Daily Tribune, 10/13/02]

6. Fights for Worker Health & Safety

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hillary Clinton was a major proponent of government programs to track the health of workers, like members of IUOE Locals 14 and 15, who were exposed to smoke and dust at the site. She ultimately secured billions of dollars for these programs by sponsoring what became known as the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

[nytimes.com/2010/12/23/nyregion/23health.html]