

November 14, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Pelosi:

Congratulations on your successful efforts to secure a Democratic House majority. CWA was proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with you and pro-worker House candidates across the country to talk about our shared vision for a Congress that works for working Americans.

We look forward to your election as Speaker and working with you to advance issues critical to CWA members. We especially want to applaud your plan to prioritize comprehensive legislation that would strengthen Americans' voting rights and address the increasing number of roadblocks to a fully functioning democracy. In particular, ridding our campaign finance system of unlimited secret corporate money, building a system that empowers regular citizens through low dollar donations through a public financing system, fighting gerrymandering, tearing down restrictions to voting rights and easing access to the ballot box are all top priorities that we share with you and will work with you as Speaker to advance.

Besides strengthening our democracy, we look forward to working with you as we did during your previous time as Speaker to strengthen workers' organizing and collective bargaining rights. Under your leadership, Congress enacted a federal minimum wage increase, reforms to address pay discrimination, and a number of other workplace civil rights advancements. With you at the helm, we made great strides in our efforts to enact the Employee Free Choice Act into law. Since then, the need for labor law reform has become only more critical, as Congressional Republicans, anti-union special interests, Trump appointees, and anti-worker judges have worked to erode the limited rights that U.S. workers have.

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The resulting and growing income inequality undermines democracy and tears at our social fabric. We know that under your leadership as Speaker, House Democrats will renew their efforts to strengthen and protect workers organizing and collective bargaining rights, through oversight hearings and legislation.

During your term as Speaker whenever you addressed a gathering of CWA members, and since, you have been greeted with the chant "Best Speaker ever." I have no doubt that you will continue to be greeted with that heart felt cheer because we can think of no one better to serve as Speaker of the House when the next Congress convenes in January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", written in a cursive style.

Christopher M. Shelton
President