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Resolution # R-14

KEEP OUR COUNTRY MOVING FORWARD - MOBILIZE FOR THE 2012 ELECTIONS

- WHEREAS: when Barack Obama took office, the United States was losing about 750,000 jobs a month. The most serious downturn since the 1930s, posed as a real threat of a systemic collapse of the entire global financial system; and
- WHEREAS: in the last three years, President Barack Obama has signed into law an economic plan that saved America from a depression, restored growth and created millions of jobs, signed landmark health insurance reform, fought against Wall Street lobbyists for consumer protection and financial reforms, reformed the college loan system, rescued the American auto industry, repealed “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” helped protect women with equal pay, and ended the war in Iraq; and
- WHEREAS: these accomplishments were not without a legislature so ideologically polarized, historical deadlocks continue to cripple progress in Washington. The GOP in the local, state and federal levels continues to carry an agenda of holding progress hostage; THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: that all ILWU locals and regions are urged to establish functional political action programs and to encourage participation in them with the goal of defeating anti-worker candidates and electing pro-worker candidates in the 2012 presidential elections; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: that ILWU locals will work aggressively to ensure ILWU members and their families are registered to vote and support union-endorsed candidates; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: ILWU members are urged to communicate with lawmakers and candidates for office, demanding action on the critical issues of the day, and demanding opposition to the anti-worker corporate agenda; and BE IT FINALLY
- RESOLVED: this Convention re-affirms the ILWU policy of rank-and-file political action, based on the principles of independence, education, and mobilization, utilizing

the full range of political action tools as the best way to defend and advance the interests of our membership.

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