

Resolution Against Corporate Political Candidates

Whereas, representatives of wealth and power dominate our political processes, and

Whereas, the legislative agendas of elected representatives are determined directly by the sources of their campaign funding, and

Whereas, the campaign of Senator Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Democratic Party primary demonstrated the viability of candidacies which reject corporate money and speak instead to the needs of working class people, and

Whereas, the lack of organized support for Senator Sanders was a significant reason for his inability to win the Democratic Party nomination, specifically the undemocratic endorsement of his corporate-backed opponent, Hillary Clinton, by the nation's largest labor unions, and

Whereas, in light of the sweeping victories of anti-worker forces across the nation, and the limited resources of working peoples' organizations, we can no longer afford to lend our support to such campaigns, which are funded by the same sources that attack our jobs, our families, and our communities,

Therefore, let it be resolved that:

UPTC-CWA 9119 will not endorse electoral candidates who accept money from corporations, corporate lobbyists, or associate with so-called Super PACs, officially known as "independent-expenditure only committees", and

let it be further resolved that we encourage and support the development of independent political organizations that can cultivate campaigns, legislation, strategies, and candidates to represent the interests of all working people, and

let it be further resolved that UPTC-CWA 9119 will call on our national union, labor councils, labor federations, and other affiliated organizations to follow this example.

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