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**VIA EMAIL**

To: All IBEW Local Union Business Managers in the United States

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election in three weeks. The nonpartisan organization FairVote has found that only 10% of the 435 seats are competitive. Why? Because of unfair congressional map drawing known as redistricting or gerrymandering.

With your support, we can take important steps toward a fair system of representation. This year is our chance to get the process out of the hands of those who have been successful at decimating worker protections, such as, Prevailing Wage laws and implementing policies that harm working families, such as, Right to Work laws. Many of those who will be instrumental in the redistricting process are state-level representatives who will be elected this November.

I am asking for your assistance in explaining the issue to your members. For your convenience, we have set up a [web page with tools that include the following links](#):

- [A video](#) explaining the redistricting process
- An [Electrical Worker article](#) explaining the recent history and impact redistricting has had on working families
- [Interactive links](#) detailing each state's redistricting process
- Shareable [social media graphic](#)
- Sample [letter to the editor](#)

As your local union's leader, your assistance is at the heart of this grassroots effort. Please pass this information on to your members as soon as possible, via email and social media, and by playing the video at your next local union meeting.

This is an important nonpartisan topic to educate our membership about one of the many reasons it is so important they [vote](#) on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.



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If you have any questions or need anything further, please contact the Political/Legislative Affairs Department Director Austin Keyser at [Political@ibew.org](mailto:Political@ibew.org). With your help this year we can elect individuals who support fair redistricting and will make our democracy more representative of working people.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

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