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**TO: ALL IBEW LOCAL 636 MEMBERS**

**RE: UPCOMING FEDERAL ELECTION**

Greetings:

I hope everyone is doing well. With the Federal Election now coming up On April 28, 2025, I wanted to reach out to our membership with some information on the parties and voting tools.

As a Union, we encourage members to vote for parties who support labour, our right to representation and fair labour practices. Traditionally, that means voting for non-Conservative parties. With that in mind, I wanted to provide you with a tool which allows you to see how to vote strategically. [Smartvoting.ca](http://Smartvoting.ca) will help identify the best candidate/party in your area to defeat the Conservative candidate. Please visit this website to help you determine how to vote in your riding.

**Federal Issues to Highlight**

**Federally, Pierre Poilievre, leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, has a history of supporting policies and legislation that have been characterized as anti-union or anti-worker:**

**Support for Bill C-377 (2015):** Poilievre backed Bill C-377, which mandated extensive financial disclosure from unions. Opponents argued that the bill imposed onerous reporting requirements, potentially undermining unions' effectiveness. The legislation was repealed in 2017 before the provisions took effect.

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**Conservative Party and the "Right-to-Work":** In 2012, Poilievre expressed support for ending mandatory union dues, a stance aligned with U.S.-style "right-to-work" laws. He argued that such measures would enhance workers' rights and freedoms. Critics contended that eliminating mandatory dues would weaken unions' financial stability and bargaining power. The Conservative Party's 2023 policy book includes support for "right-to-work" legislation, allowing optional union membership. This policy has been criticized for potentially reducing workers' wages and job stability by weakening unions' collective bargaining power.

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In February 2024, the Liberal government introduced Bill C-58, aiming to amend the Canada Labour Code to prohibit the use of replacement workers, commonly known as "scabs," during strikes and lockouts in federally regulated sectors. **Historically, Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has opposed such legislation, voting against anti-scab measures multiple times in the past.**

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However, during the second reading of Bill C-58 on February 27, 2024, Poilievre and the Conservative Party voted in favor of the bill, allowing it to proceed to committee for further study. This support marked a departure from their previous stance on anti-scab legislation.

**It's important to note that while the Conservatives supported the bill at this stage, their final position may evolve as the legislative process continues. The bill is currently under committee review before returning to the House of Commons for a final vote.**

These actions and positions have led to criticism from unions and worker advocacy groups, who argue that Poilievre's policies could undermine workers' rights and the strength of collective bargaining in Canada.

Labour organizations, such as the Canadian Labour Congress, have expressed concerns over Poilievre's track record, suggesting that his policies may not align with the interests of working families.

**I urge you to get out and vote strategically to defend the rights we have fought for and deserve to keep.**

Fraternally yours,  
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