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AFT National Endorses Kerry



Sen. Kerry greets some of Perth Amboy's delegates to AFT QuEST 2003. He is pictured shaking hands with local President Donna M. Chiera, as Dorothea Borkowski and Cathy and Mike Savoia look on.

AFT's Executive Council has endorsed Presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts in his bid to deny President Bush a second term.

AFT's endorsement is based on Kerry's strong pro-labor voting record since being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984. Kerry has a 97% AFT voting record and a 90% AFL-CIO voting record during his twenty year Senate tenure.

AFT President Sandy Feldman described Kerry as "a longtime friend of the union and the labor movement" and as a President who "will keep the country strong and the economy strong."

In its endorsement, the union concluded that Kerry is best equipped to develop and defend policies that are priorities for AFT members and the nation ---- from improved education and better healthcare to increased investment in public services and support for the workers who provide them. Sen. Kerry is a longstanding champion for the right of employees to form unions and bargain collectively.

Kerry's Priorities as President:

- Fixing and full-funding the No Child Left Behind Act.
- Full funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Better healthcare for all Americans.
- Expanding access to higher education, preserving public services, protecting workers' rights.

*To read Sen Kerry's detailed response to an AFT presidential candidate questionnaire, visit www.aft.org.
To read more about Senator Kerry or to make a contribution to his campaign, visit www.JohnKerry.com.*