



# AFSCME CORRECTIONS UNITED

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Dear Leader,

As a union president and leader of an AFSCME public safety local, you are on the front lines in our battle to bring dignity and respect to working families all across the country.

As we know from our important role in the last two elections, AFSCME is a power to be reckoned with. We pulled out all the stops in campaigns at every level of government. We now have legislators in county seats, city councils, school boards, state houses, Congress and the White House who care about our members – those people who work every day in public service and “Make America Happen.”

We also never lose sight of our day-to-day roles providing support and help for our membership. Assuring equality, fairness, justice and economic stability for AFSCME sisters and brothers is always at the top of our list.

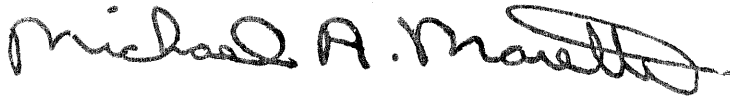
To this end, it is absolutely critical that we have a strong PEOPLE program. PEOPLE dollars allow us to make candidate endorsements and contributions, mobilize our members, prepare legislative scorecards, volunteer for campaigns and continue to build and deploy a top-notch get out the vote effort. And because of PEOPLE, we now have correctional officer bill of rights legislation in Maryland, and are closer to one on the national level.

That’s why I’m asking you, as a leader of this great union, to continue to support PEOPLE with your generous contributions. In our fight for a voice at work for the members of AFSCME who depend on our support, I am asking you to use the enclosed video to recruit MVP PEOPLE contributors throughout your local. Our Power to Win Goal, established by leaders at the 2006 Convention, calls for 25 percent of AFSCME members to be at the MVP level by 2011. Think of it—for about \$2.00 a week--\$100 a year—our members will have a voice at the table to fight for the causes we believe in and hold elected officials accountable.

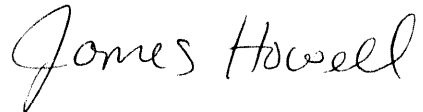
When you ask your members to sign up for payroll deduction where available, or to sign up for automatic debit from a checking, savings or credit card account, remember what AFSCME members are up against: furloughs and layoffs, reopened contracts and attacks on public services. Each and every one of our members needs to know that by supporting PEOPLE, they get a seat at the table. It is especially important now that the Supreme Court has given corporations even more power to outspend labor in their attempt to influence elections at the local, state and national levels.

Please use this video, designed specifically for public safety members, as a recruiting tool to show at local union meetings, worksite visit and lunch and learns. If you have any questions about PEOPLE or need to request additional training or materials, please contact Sue Levitan, Assistant Director, Fundraising, at (202) 429-1197.

In solidarity,



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James Howell  
Director-Law Enforcement Committee

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