

[Georgia local union persuasion letter]

Dear Sisters/Brothers:

In one of the most important postscripts of any general election, it all comes down to two seats in Georgia on January 5. That is the day that the citizens of this state will determine not only who we choose to represent them in the U.S. Senate but who holds the power in Washington. With a split Senate, two additional senators -- and the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Kamala Harris -- will mean the difference between enacting president-elect Biden's agenda and certain gridlock.

Thanks to IBEW members and a winning coalition of pro-working family voters, Georgia was among a few crucial states that delivered to make Joe Biden the president come January 20. But he needs the assist of a majority in Congress to effectively govern.

You may not know that IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson is among a small number of trusted advisors who were integral to the Biden campaign. President Stephenson served as a member of the Biden Climate Engagement Advisory Council, and is among 12 members of President-elect Biden's transition team. This commitment to labor's voice, particularly the IBEW's, is a key reason IBEW members wholeheartedly supported the Biden campaign. Sens. Purdue and Loeffler will certainly not help President Biden accomplish his legislative goals.

Joe Biden was elected on a platform of competence in the face of a global pandemic, a plan to create hundreds of thousands of jobs rebuilding America's infrastructure and respect for the workers who perform these essential functions. He cannot do it alone. That's why the IBEW has endorsed Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff for Senate on January 5.

In the Senate, Raphael Warnock and John Ossoff will promote an economy that prioritizes workers, not CEOs, and will support incentivizing American-made manufacturing and the right to form unions. They will be a reliable vote in favor of safe working conditions and help pass legislation to create good-paying jobs. They both want to represent Georgians in the Senate by investing in rebuilding America's infrastructure and electric grids and other necessary improvements that will revive the economy and our way of life. Both Warnock and Ossoff support the PRO Act, which would make it easier for workers to organize, and the Butch Lewis Act, which will provide low-interest loans to troubled multiemployer pension plans.

The voter registration deadline for this election is December 7. [Click here \(www.ibewvotes2020.org\)](http://www.ibewvotes2020.org) to check your registration status, request a mail-in ballot or find your nearest polling place. A vote for Warnock and Ossoff mean a vote for disciplined, coordinated leadership to take the country from hopeless pandemic to recovery.

In solidarity,