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**To All First District IBEW Local Unions**

Greetings:

**RE: 2009 United Way – Centraide Campaign**

The IBEW and the Canadian Labour Congress are proud to support the United Way – Centraide Campaign; a campaign that is committed to building healthy, strong and respectful communities.

In this period of economic downturn, partnering with United Way – Centraide is essential. By working together and pooling our resources, energy and goodwill we can achieve a goal of improving lives and building community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collection action; were you aware that this campaign last year raised over \$481 million? This just proves it is undeniable that we are important members of our communities and I am proud to advise you that the IBEW is again being awarded for the United Way national “Thanks for a Million” award for 2008, an award that is dedicated to organizations whose members have contributed a million dollars or more.

I encourage you yet again to support and participate in the 2009 United Way - Centraide Campaign, as a donor and a volunteer. The funds gathered during this campaign, as always, will stay in your community and they are used to support vital services for working people and families, as well as to strengthen our communities.

So “Thanks a Million” and let’s continue the good work as we enter into this year’s campaign!

Best wishes.

In solidarity,

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