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President

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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
U.S. Department of Labor  
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Dear Secretary Chao:

I write today to express support for your decision to extend the findings of *Chao v. Bremerton Metal Trades* to all labor union disclosure documentation.

Unions have for too long tried to hide their political activities from required disclosure forms. One of the tactics they have used in the past has been to claim that members of intermediate state unions (e.g. the National Education Association vis-à-vis the California Teachers Association) were not affiliated with their national parent groups, and therefore not required to be documented on annual national reports.

*Chao v. Bremerton* changed that in the Ninth Circuit. The court found that a member of a state affiliated union could not be hidden from disclosure requirements for any reason. From now on, all political activities of both national and state unions will be reported. I commend you for extending this finding to all future reports under the Labor-Management Disclosure and Reporting Act.

Sincerely,

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President

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