To: All Affiliates

**CODE U: Vote By Mail**

In this year’s election, it’s more important than ever for union members to vote to protect the rights of working people, our unions, and our contracts so we can build our American middle class with strong unions. To ensure that you exercise your right to vote, it is best to make a plan early on. With the option to vote by mail, it’s convenient and easy to make your voice heard.

On **September 21**, voters will receive ballots on the permanent vote-by-mail rolls. The deadline for Voter Registration is **October 15.** To vote by mail, you must be a registered voter in New Jersey. A vote-by-mail application must be received by **October 29**.Any voter may apply for vote-by-mail by completing the application for the vote-by-mail ballot and returning the application to their county clerk.

After you complete your vote-by-mail ballot, return your ballot by one of three ways, mail it back, place it in one of your county’s secure ballot drop box locations or return it to your County Board of Elections Office. If mailed, the ballot must be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. Election Day and be received by your county’s Board of Elections on or before 6 days after Election Day. If placed in a secure ballot drop box, it must be placed inone of your county’s secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you deliver your ballot in person to your county’s Board of Elections Office, be sure to deliver it by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information on how to vote by mail, go to [www.njunionstrong.org](http://www.njunionstrong.org).

As labor leaders, we must ensure that each and every registered union member, their coworkers, family and friends make a plan to vote.

Attached please find a sample CODE-U messaging for your use. We encourage you, under your signature and union banner, to broadly share, send, text, tweet and post on your union’s social media pages through this planned and coordinated initiative. Please contact John Shea,
COPE Director, at cope@njaflcio.org or 609-989-8730 with any questions.

Working together, the voice of working families will be heard on Election Day!

In Unity,



Charles Wowkanech Laurel Brennan

 President Secretary-Treasurer

**Sample social media and text message:**

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**Draft blast email:**

**Subject line:** Voting by Mail Has Never Been Easier.

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