July 2024

To: All Affiliates

**CODE U: Trump’s Project 2025 Agenda:**

**Transportation is on the Ballot**

Donald Trump’s Project 2025 Agenda proposes to reduce funding to state and local governments for new and expanded rapid rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, bus rapid transit, and ferries. As a result, the number of good paying union jobs for workers in the transportation sector will decrease and working families who rely on public transportation will be affected. Project 2025 would restrict these grants to maintain current systems focusing on cutting the so called “exorbitant wages’ for transit workers. A key proposal for reducing transit workers compensation is Project 2025’s reinterpretation of Section 10 (c) of the urban mass transportation Act of 1964, to allowing transit agencies that receive federal funds to reduce compensation for transit employees.

These proposed policies threaten to halt the progress made by the CIG program regarding improving our public transportation system and bolstering our economy. As labor leaders, we must communicate to our union members how Project 2025 would impact their livelihoods. It is vital to encourage active participation in our democracy, by urging working families to vote in the November election.

To learn more about Project 2025, go to www.njunionstrong.org.

It is important that union members vote early. Vote-by-mail balloting is underway. A vote-by-mail application must be received by October 29. Early in-person voting will take place October 26 through November 3. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. To apply for a VBM ballot, find your early voting center, polling location, and more, visit [www.njunionstrong.org](https://njaflcio.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ef801e9e36d575dfdd2465988&id=d3ceb935ec&e=357107e644).

Attached please find CODE-U messaging for your use. We ask you to text, tweet, post, and email and broadly distribute through your union’s social media pages. Please contact John Shea III, COPE Director, at [cope@njaflcio.org](mailto:cope@njaflcio.org) or 609-989-8730 with any questions.

In Unity,



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**Sample social media and text message:**

Trump’s Project 2025 Agenda cuts the wages of building trades workers! Register and vote! For more information on Project 2025 go to [www.njunionstrong.org](http://www.njunionstrong.org).

#StopProject2025

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**Draft blast email:**

**Subject line:** Trump’s 2025 Agenda: Transportation is on the Ballot.

Donald Trump’s Project 2025 Agenda proposes reducing funding to state and local governments for new and expanded rapid rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, bus rapid transit, and ferries. Project 2025 would also cut transit worker’s wages.

These proposed policies threaten to halt the progress made by the CIG program regarding improving our public transportation system and bolstering our economy.

It is important that union members vote early. Voting begins on **September 21** when ballots will be mailed to voters on the permanent vote-by-mail rolls. Voter Registration deadline is **October 15**. A vote-by-mail application must be received by **October 29.** Early in-person voting will take place **October 26** through **November 3.** Election Day is Tuesday, **November 5.**To register, apply for a VBM ballot, and more, visit [www.njunionstrong.com](http://www.njunionstrong.com).

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