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Dear AFSCME Member:

We are proud to enclose your AFSCME membership card for 2010-2011.

This card signifies you are part of a 1.6-million-member family, providing the vital public services that make America happen in communities both large and small.

Membership in AFSCME means that you are part of a diverse group of people who share a common commitment to public service. We're a powerful voice for our members and all working families. That's particularly important during difficult economic times, such as the deep recession we're going through right now.

Public services are needed now more than ever, but in too many states, our members are fighting layoffs and furloughs while vital services are being cut. That's why we fought and won additional federal resources for state and local governments in President Obama's recovery plan. We know that even more help is needed now. We are going to fight for that help in the days and months ahead.

Members of AFSCME can take pride in the wages and benefits we've negotiated at the bargaining table as well as the workplace protections we enjoy. Whether the challenge is unsafe working conditions, unequal treatment or an unreasonable supervisor, being a part of the AFSCME family means we don't have to face on-the-job problems alone.

AFSCME membership grants members access to resources that only a strong and vital national union can provide, including labor economists to help us bargain contracts; health and safety specialists to assist us with workplace issues; lobbyists to advance our legislative agenda for working families; and other specialists with expertise in the work we do.

Looking ahead, we know there are many challenges on the horizon. These are difficult times. But we also know that together, they can be overcome.

In solidarity,

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