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FOR CWA PRESIDENT



The change we need... the representation you deserve!

As Leader of the CWA Human Rights Department, I thought it was important to give you my thoughts on the EXPULSION OF TWO BLACK REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE

We were shocked and dismayed by the partisan expulsion of two courageous young black Tennessee legislators, who were merely lifting their voices in support of enacting common-sense gun legislation in the face of the recent school shooting in Nashville which took six lives, as well as the epidemic of senseless gun violence throughout the country. While their constituents are currently without representation, this unfortunate event merely emphasizes the importance of voting, throughout this country, for those who are committed to protecting our democracy and the rights of workers, both of which are under attack in our country today.

This action also brings to mind my own experience twelve years ago when I announced I would be a candidate for Vice President of District 6. I was chastised and attacked by a retired CWA officer because I was speaking out on workplace issues that were adversely affecting my Local 6222 members. His position was my voice wasn't needed or wanted in the position of Vice President of District 6. He was even more adamantly opposed to my quest to bring more diverse and equitable representation to CWA much like what the bold young legislators in Tennessee are bringing to their communities. Fortunately, the members of District 6 thought differently than the retired CWA officer who was opposed to my announcement.

Today I have a long and proud record of effective regional leadership in District 6 representing thousands of dedicated members in many sectors who are working daily to help build worker power through their organizing efforts, representing members when needed, and many members in our political programs are working to elect worker friendly candidates that will pass legislation to protect our democracy. Just like I prevailed twelve years ago these young legislators will also.

It would be a privilege and an honor to serve you as the next President of CWA, I ask for and would appreciate your vote at our convention in July. As President I will continue to speak out on Worker Rights and Human Rights issues just as I have as the leader of the Human Rights Department. Remember, what's good for workers is good for this country. Worker rights are Human Rights and worker power, empowers us all! Thanks in advance for your support of my Campaign.



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