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TO:

ALL AFFILIATES

FROM:

Fred D. Mason, Jr.

SUBJECT:

27TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 27th Biennial Convention of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO rapidly approaching, now only a few weeks away. At this Convention, Delegates will be electing Officers and Executive Board members, as well as making critical decisions about the direction of our State Fed for the next four years. I ask for your help in insuring great attendance and the fullest participation.

The program, as you can see from the attached *DRAFT CONVENTION PROGRAM*, will be educational, exciting and inspiring. You will have the opportunity to share with and learn with sisters and brothers from throughout the jurisdiction on pressing topics of Politics and Organizing:

- We will receive first hand updates on what's happening at the Federal level from our great Senators Mikulski and Cardin
- Governor O'Malley will greet us and share his insight into the challenges and opportunities facing the State of Maryland
- CWA President, Larry Cohen will impart a message helping us to strengthen the bond between organizing and politics
- Newly elected AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka will certainly inspire us with a strong message of solidarity and building a stronger union movement
- Congressmen Ruppersberger, Sarbanes and Kratovil have confirmed their attendance, as well as numerous State Legislators.

While we applaud the elected officials for making time in their very busy schedules to be with us, at this convention; it is equally important that at the end of the day we applaud ourselves because, we too made extra efforts to send full delegations.

Please send in the CREDENTIALS <u>for your fullest possible delegation</u> *promptly*, to help us plan Committee assignments, food and materials. Your cooperation and support for the success of the 27th Biennial Convention of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO is much appreciated. *THANK YOU!*

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DRAFT*** Convention Program ***DRAFT

Thursday, October 29, 2009

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Executive Board Meeting

5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Registration

5:00 P.M. to 6:00P.M. Convention Committees Meeting

7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Convention

Convention Called to Order

Reading of the Call

Welcome - Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith President appoints and introduces Committees

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Rules Committee Report of the Auditing Committee

Recess

8:00 P.M.

RECEPTION

Friday, October 30, 2009

7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Breakfast 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration

8:45 A.M. Convention Called to Order

Report of the Credentials Committee - Establish Quorum

Report of Program Committee Report of Sgt. At Arms Committee

9:00 Greetings

Gov. O'Malley Sen. Mikulski

Sen. Cardin Comptroller Franchot Attorney General Gansler Sec. DLLR Sanchez

10:15 A.M. President's Report

10:30 A.M. Committee Reports

Report of Civil Rights Committee
Report of Education Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee

Report of Constitution and Laws Committee

11:25 A.M. Secretary Treasurer's Report

11:40 A.M. Committee Reports

Report of Officer's Report Committee Report of Legislation Committee Report of Industrial Safety Committee

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1:00 P.M. Convention Re-Convenes

Credential Committee Report Elections Committee Report

1:30 P.M. Nominations of Officers and Executive Board

2:45 P.M.	Break / Recess
3:00 P.M.	Convention Reconvenes
3:10 P.M.	Remarks by Larry Cohen
3:30 P.M.	Political Directors Report
3:45 P.M.	Labor 2010 – Elections and Opportunities - Panel Ron Collins - Moderator Glen Middleton, Jim Lowery, Bob McIntyre, Roxie Mejia
5:05 P.M.	Report of COPE Committee
5:15 P.M	Adjourn
5:30 P.M.	Reception with Constituency Groups
7:00 P.M.	DINNER Keynote Speaker – Richard Trumka , AFL-CIO President

Saturday, October 31, 2009

7:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Registration 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Breakfast

8:45 A.M. Call to Order - Convention

Committee Reports

Report of Credentials Committee - Establish Quorum

Report of Resolutions Committee (cont)

9:00 A.M. Greetings

Cong. Sarbanes MD. Sec. of State John McDonough

9:20 A.M. Panel - Public Sector Organizing: Union Growth Opportunities

Sandy Felder, AFL-CIO NE Regional Director - Moderator

William Lyons, AFGE, National Organizer

Patrick Moran, AFSCME, Director of AFSCME Maryland

Phil Kugler, AFT, Asst. to the Pres. for Organizing and Field Services

10:45 A.M. Committee Reports

Organizing Committee

11:00 A.M. Recess

11:15 A.M. Convention Reconvenes - Afternoon Session

Election of Officers and Executive Board

12:45 P.M. Election Committee Report – Election Results

Swearing In of Officers

1:00 P.M. Raffle Drawings / Announcements

1:15 P.M. Adjourn