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**VIA E-MAIL**

To: Democratic National Committee  
Democratic Governors Association  
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee  
Democratic Attorneys General Association  
Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee  
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

**Re: CBS News**

Dear Chair/Executive Director:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) represents 775,000 active members and retirees working in numerous industries across the United States and Canada. One of those industries is broadcast media. The IBEW has a collective bargaining agreement covering employees working for CBS Broadcasting Inc., and specifically CBS News. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the essential nature of television news outlets and in turn the employees who do this work. These good union jobs support families.

In the early days of the pandemic, the IBEW exhibited tremendous flexibility to our signatories, including CBS News, while they worked to figure out the new normal that is producing news in the COVID-19 environment. Yet months later, after layoffs impacting IBEW members, and despite the many grievances we have filed, CBS News continues with great frequency to violate our collective bargaining agreement by using non-union camera crews and third-party vendors to conduct interviews for their news programs including “CBS This Morning” and “Face the Nation.”

In this busy political season, we ask you to keep these facts in mind when booking appearances with CBS News. We encourage you to inquire as to whether an IBEW crew will be assigned to shoot your interview. If the answer is no, we urge you to insist that CBS News assign our hardworking IBEW members to shoot your interview.

Thank you for standing up for good paying union jobs.

Sincerely yours,

Lonnie R. Stephenson  
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