

Dear President Shuler,

I write to you as President of Local 1503 and on behalf of our members would like to express our union's support for an AFL-CIO-sponsored national labor conference on reproductive justice.

We believe that reproductive rights are fundamental workers' rights. Decisions about our bodies, our healthcare, and whether and when to have kids are personal decisions for us to make on our own, with our families and trusted doctors, according to our own moral and political beliefs. For working women, the freedom to make these decisions is critical to their ability to plan careers and have a healthy work-life. We want all working women to have this fundamental right.

The attack on abortion rights is at the center of a broad range of attacks on workers' rights in the USA. These include attacks on personal liberty, bodily autonomy, voting rights, paid sick leave, Medicaid, affordable childcare, and our economic security. It is a frightening time for American workers.

The fight for reproductive rights needs the power that labor can bring. The AFL-CIO is in the best position to initiate this fight. More than any other institution it can bring together the largest unions in the country and mobilize its 12.5 million members to build a movement strong enough to secure reproductive rights for all workers across the country. Members of our local urge you to bring a proposal for a national reproductive justice conference to an upcoming meeting of the AFL-CIO National Executive Board.

I look forward to your response. You can reach me at rcpresident1503@outlook.com.

In solidarity,

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