The following Resolution will be considered by the Executive Committee on August 10, 2018.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/District of Columbia

Resolution Reaffirming the DNC’s Unwavering Commitment to Workers and Unions in Industries that Power the American Economy, and Expressing the Democratic Party’s Appreciation of their Profound Contributions to Our Party, Our Nation’s Economy, and Our Way of Life

WHEREAS, Democrats are committed to creating good-paying jobs that support a middle-class life and economic security for hardworking Americans in industries across the economy; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of working people and their unions, representing all industries, is critical to the Democratic Party’s ability to affect change that improves the lives of workers, their families, and America’s middle class; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of union members work in industries that rely on traditional energy sources or live in regions where traditional energy sources are the primary economic driver; and

WHEREAS, these workers, their unions and forward-looking employers are powering America’s all-of-the-above energy economy and moving us towards a future fueled by clean and low-emissions energy technology, from renewables to carbon capture and storage to advanced nuclear technology; and

WHEREAS, to support fossil fuel workers in an evolving energy economy, we must commit to securing their right to a strong, viable economic future, which includes maintaining employment and their health care and pension benefits; and

WHEREAS, for America to compete in the global economy, we must create more union jobs with high labor standards and make investments in the energy economy, the auto industry, new infrastructure, and traditional and new manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Republicans and their wealthy corporate allies have been chipping away at workers’ rights, weakening unions, and depressing wages – all while giving massive tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires; and

WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME was the result of blatant and disgraceful union busting that could slam the door on millions of hardworking Americans trying to make it into and stay in the middle class.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DNC reaffirms its unwavering and unconditional commitment to the workers, unions and forward-looking employers that power the American economy; and
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, the DNC gratefully acknowledges and will continue to welcome the longstanding and generous contributions of workers, including those in energy and related industries, who organize and donate to Democratic candidates individually or through their unions’ or employers’ political action committees; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, the Democratic Party will do everything we can to build a full-employment economy, where everyone who wants a job can get one that pays enough to raise a family, provides a sense of dignity and purpose, and helps build strong, sustained, and shared economic growth.