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NOW MORE THAN EVER YOUR VOTE COUNTS -- The 2008 election results will impact your business and your personal life. Both at the state and federal level "change" is the theme and regardless of the election results, you can count on it. ABC encourages all members and their employees to get out and vote. The primary election is Tuesday, September 9th. In NH unregistered voters may register to vote on that day, in Vermont the registration deadline for the primary was September 3rd. The general election is Tuesday, November 4th. Again, in NH unregistered voters may register to vote on that day. In Vermont the registration deadline to vote in the general election is Wednesday, October 29th.

It is difficult to understand all the candidates and their positions on issues important to your business and your personal interest. In NH over 500 individuals are listed as candidates for offices including US Senator (1 OF 2 NH US SENATE SEATS IS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2008), US House (BOTH NH US HOUSE SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN 2008), Governor, Executive Council (5 EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR SEATS), State Senate (24 SEATS) and State Representatives (400 SEATS). In Vermont over 330 individuals are listed as candidates for offices including US House (1 US HOUSE SEAT), Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Secretary of State, State Senator (30 SEATS) and State Representative (150 SEATS). Neither of the 2 Vermont US Senate seats is up for election in 2008.

Most important is to understand who the federal and state candidates are that represent your area and to become aware of their position on issues important to you. With the primary election on September 9th, time is limited, however for the November 4th general election you have time. For a pre primary and post-primary listing of candidates and contact information go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/cumulatived.html> (NH) and <http://vermont.elections.org/soshome.htm> (VT). Communicate the importance of voting to your employees, make certain they

are aware of the issues that impact your business and their livelihood and help them understand the candidates' positions on the issues. Do not tell them who to vote for, simply provide them with information.

Contact ABC with any questions about the 2008 election, ABC priority issues and please let us know if you have any insight or relationship with any candidate.

WORKER PRIVACY AND HEALTH CARE REFORM ARE PRIORITY ISSUES - Among ABC's priority issues at the federal level is the prevention of passage of legislation that robs employees of their right to a private ballot election when deciding upon union representation. The right to a private ballot, a cornerstone of our democracy, guarantees workers protection from coercion and intimidation. ABC will oppose any efforts to undermine this through legislation such as the Employee Free Choice Act, often referred to as "Card Check". A new poll shows that Americans almost unanimously believe that workers should continue to have the right to have a federally supervised private election when deciding whether to organize a union. More aptly called the Employee Coercion and Intimidation Act, Card Check legislation is an attempt by organized labor to use the political process as a market recovery campaign to support their organization efforts.

Another priority issue is Health Care Reform. Providing quality health care benefits is a top priority for ABC and its members. While ABC believes that the United States possesses one of the finest health care systems in the world, it is undeniable that there are some serious problems within the current system. The rapidly rising costs of health care and insurance premiums, limited access to insurance and care, and the need for medical malpractice liability reform are