

## New York City Campaign Finance Board Hearing

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As a leader within the Heat and Frost Insulators Union we are deeply concerned about the impact that this proposed regulation would have when we try to communicate an educated message regarding local politics to our members. For me, this is all done outside normal work hours and is not in conjunction with my job description. I take a personal interest in the well being of our trade which is why I chose to speak here today.

Our representatives approach the membership and thoroughly explain the political process in detail pertaining to virtually every city and state election that would have an effect on securing work. The current structure of the electoral process works well for everyone not just our members. We have truly changed the opinion of many of our members because they see the results of their participation. They really never thought that a vote mattered so much since participating in the political process.

The purpose of engaging the members is providing opportunities for employment for every city resident regardless of their race, religion or what political affiliation they belong to. Now members make it a priority to cast a vote which is knowledgeable and supportive. Today..... no one believes that their voice won't be heard.

My local is small and does not have the means or ability to conform to a laborious task of reporting requirements. We will simply be prohibited from communicating with our members about political races potentially affecting their lives and income. Again our Labor Union is small but I can tell you that we work strictly on a local basis, and do not receive or look for any help from our international affiliates. If this proposal was adopted it will greatly weaken our capacity to pull together and participate to all intents and purposes in the election process that's so important to our members.

We strongly recommend you to contemplate this situation as you plan any new regulation. Thank you for your time and consideration.