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United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

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United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) Hosts Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden at UA Plumbers Local 27 Training Center in Erie, Pennsylvania

Biden, UA General President McManus meet with UA Apprentices, Discuss Energy and Infrastructure Priorities

ERIE, Penn. – General President Mark McManus of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) hosted the Democratic nominee for President Joe Biden at the Erie Training Center of UA Plumbers Local 27 for a tour of the facility and discussion with UA Apprentices about their jobs and necessary investments in energy and infrastructure projects. Following the UA's endorsement of Biden's candidacy on August 17, this visit comes as UA members and their families will play a critical role in deciding Pennsylvania's election results.

"Joe Biden has a long history of standing shoulder to shoulder with the Brothers and Sisters of the United Association and working families everywhere," **said Mark McManus, General President of the United Association.** "Our apprenticeship program is the gold standard of the construction industry, with an annual investment of \$275 million in non-taxpayer dollars to equip our members with the tools they need for a long career producing the highest quality work. We were proud to give Vice President Biden a first-hand look at what makes UA members the best craftspeople in the world. With Joe Biden in the White House, UA families will have a true champion for our jobs, for fair wages, and for our dignity as we build back better over the next four years."

"Joe Biden knows the UA, and he knows Pennsylvania; it's in his blood," **said Tom Bigley, UA Director of Plumbing Services and member of UA Plumbers Local 27.** "We were thrilled to host the Vice President in Erie today to showcase our world-class facilities – and to discuss the importance of new energy and infrastructure investments in western Pennsylvania that will mean more work for our members. We know Joe Biden will have our backs as President."

The UA recently launched [this ad](#) on TV in Pittsburgh featuring Nin Bell, a former Trump voter who is now supporting Joe Biden. In addition, the UA is running a [digital ad](#) that corrects the frequent lies from the Trump campaign on fracking and Joe Biden's energy stances.

You can read more about the UA's endorsement of Joe Biden's candidacy on our website [here](#) and on our Twitter feed [here](#).

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Founded in 1889, the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) proudly represents more than 359,000 highly skilled journeymen and apprentice plumbers, pipefitters, pipeliners, sprinkler fitters, welders, and HVACR service techs in the US and Canada. The UA is an affiliate of both the AFL-CIO and North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU).

