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decide our future. Romney-Ryan would be elated to see all public sector unions completely dismantled. They would be thrilled to see our wages, benefits, and job protections evaporate. We simply cannot allow that to happen.

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Why Endorse? A Comparison of Where They Stand on the Issues

	Obama	Romney
JOB	<p>Getting Americans Back to Work, through an economic recovery plan that created over 4 million jobs. Future plans encourage small business growth, prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs, and provide a \$1,500 tax cut for the average family.</p> <p>More than 300,000 Public Sector Jobs Saved, by preventing layoffs of police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, teachers, and other trusted public servants.</p>	<p>Tax Breaks to Corporations, to entice big corporations to create new jobs.</p> <p>Poor Job Growth Record. While governor of Massachusetts, that state had one of the worst job growth rates while the national economy was thriving, ranking 47th among all states. As head of a private equity firm, Bain Capital, made a fortune by acquiring companies and laying off thousands of workers.</p>
WORKING FAMILIES	<p>Tax Cuts for Working Families, by providing tax cuts to 95% of working families at a time when families needed it most.</p> <p>Unemployment Insurance for 2.5 Million Americans, by extending unemployment benefits to assist Americans who lost their jobs in the recession.</p> <p>Making College More Affordable, by expanding Pell Grants and revamping the student loan program by eliminating fees paid to private banks.</p>	<p>Privatize Unemployment Benefits, by requiring workers to pay for their own unemployment benefits through individual savings accounts.</p> <p>Less Help for the Jobless. As governor, Romney proposed scaling back unemployment insurance costs by paying benefits for fewer weeks.</p> <p>Job Training Funds Slashed. As governor, Romney vetoed \$11 million in job training funds.</p>
WORKERS' RIGHTS	<p>Protecting American Workers, by calling the efforts to curb collective bargaining an "assault on unions" and recognizing that public employees "make enormous contributions to our states and our citizens."</p> <p>Standing Up for the Middle Class, because restoring the middle class means giving everyone a chance to succeed. "The truth is we'll never be able to compete with other countries when it comes to who's best at letting their businesses pay the lowest wages, who's best at busting unions, who's best at letting companies pollute as much as they want. That's a race to the bottom that we can't win, and we shouldn't want to win that race."</p>	<p>Supporting Anti-Worker Agenda, claiming it was critical to support Gov. Scott Walker's efforts to "rein in out-of-control public employee pay and benefits in Wisconsin," and by supporting the anti-middle-class SB 5 in Ohio "110 percent."</p> <p>Supports Union-busting Laws, by claiming that "right-to-work for less" legislation "makes a lot of sense."</p> <p>Opposing Enforcement of Labor Laws by the National Labor Relations Board, which he says is "stacked with union stooges," and calling the enforcement of federal labor laws against union-busting companies an "assault on business" and "political payback."</p>
HEALTHCARE	<p>32 Million Americans Covered by historic healthcare reform law, the Affordable Care Act, which expanded healthcare coverage to the uninsured.</p> <p>Quality Coverage Regardless of Pre-Existing Conditions or Illness, by preventing insurers from denying coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and prohibiting insurance companies from dropping people due to illness.</p> <p>Coverage for Young Adults and Children, by allowing parents to keep their children on their health plans until age 26, and giving 11 million children coverage under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).</p>	<p>Repeal Healthcare Reform, by issuing an Executive Order to provide a waiver from the Affordable Care Act for all 50 states, and then working with Congress to repeal the law.</p>
FINANCIAL REFORM	<p>Reforms that Hold Wall Street Accountable, by enacting the most sweeping financial reform package since the Great Depression.</p> <p>Better Protections for Consumers, by establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which increases regulation and oversight of big banks and mortgage companies. Also enacted the CARD Act, which reigns in and reduces credit card rates and fees.</p>	<p>Criticizing Wall Street reform and saying that the "level of over-regulation and burden which has been placed on the financial services sector I think is unnecessary."</p> <p>Supporting Wall Street, by saying that Wall Street greed "is not the reason we had an economic meltdown."</p>
RETIREMENT SECURITY	<p>Maintain Social Security and Medicare, by protecting Social Security benefits and refusing to move the goal post by increasing the Medicare eligibility age.</p>	<p>Supporting Private Accounts for Social Security, claiming in 2007 that President Bush's plan to use private Social Security accounts "works."</p> <p>Ending Medicare as we know it, by selecting Paul Ryan as his running mate and supporting a voucher system for each senior's medical benefits.</p>
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	<p>With postal reform currently being debated within Congress, the Republicans are blocking legislation recently passed by the Senate to give the Postal Service some breathing room in the face of up-front retiree health care payments. Instead, the Republican leadership has proposed a version of reform that is harmful to postal employees and postal unions, and will cut 200,000 jobs. Without question, Romney would seek the destruction of the unionized postal workforce, the degradation of the public postal infrastructure, the outsourcing and privatization of all postal services, and the elimination of the Postal Service as we know it. Obama sees the Postal Service as a necessary service that sustains good jobs and the hard working men and women it employs; Romney sees dollar signs, as his campaign has pushed for selling off and privatizing the 30,000 USPS facilities, as well as other equity (e.g., vehicles). One of Romney's economic advisors believes that the USPS is in an unchangeable downfall and suggests that it could be sold "to a private contractor, avoid[ing] those losses while cashing a nice big check."</p>	