Our nation is in the midst of four crises—a health pandemic, an economic crisis, a reckoning with racism and a climate emergency—all made worse by President Trump. And now Trump is putting the existence of our democracy on the line—a fifth crisis—by threatening to uproot the peaceful transfer of power if he loses the election in November. Trump sees the presidency as his to own, not as a position elected by “we the people.”

Donald Trump creates chaos and division at every turn, in order to hold on to his power, at the expense of the American people—failing to tackle COVID-19; demanding schools reopen without the necessary resources; eliminating healthcare, including protections for people with pre-existing conditions; fanning the flames of hate; and helping the rich get richer while attacking unions and failing to help working people get through this economic crisis. Trump has paid less in taxes than every teacher, nurse and public employee in this country. He’s gone from breaking norms to holding our democracy hostage by rushing a Supreme Court appointment that will put healthcare, labor, voting and so many other rights at risk.

Elections are always about choices, but this one is the most consequential of our lifetimes. It’s about who will help ensure everyone has a path toward a better life and who will save our democracy. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the leaders we need to confront the crises we face and reimagine a fairer and more just America—to combat the pandemic, so Americans can safely proceed with our lives; to fund public schools; to strengthen healthcare; and to rebuild our economy so working families have a shot at good union jobs. Biden and Harris are the leaders we need to protect the right to vote and our core values. They understand that justice and freedom must apply to all.

Working people have always acted collectively to create change—on the streets and at the ballot box. We need your voice and your activism to save our democracy and ensure justice for all.

Visit AFTvotes.org to get involved.
THIS ELECTION WILL BE LIKE NO OTHER. WE’VE HAD TO RETHINK TRADITIONAL GET-OUT-THE-VOTE STRATEGIES, BUT THE WORK MUST CONTINUE. ACTIVISTS—WHO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN REACHING AND MOBILIZING VOTERS—ARE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER.

The AFT has many ways to help every member connect with, organize and engage other members, friends and family so that each one of us can make a difference in this election.

Peer-to-Peer Texting

Peer-to-peer texting harnesses the power of one-on-one conversations through text messages with many contacts.

Phone Bank—from Home

Virtual phone banks are an increasingly important way of reaching people and having conversations about the importance of the election. Talk with your colleagues and fellow members about getting out to vote.

AFTvotes App

The AFTvotes app provides content and helps you connect with the people you know, by text, email and phone.

Visit AFTvotes.org to volunteer and learn more about using these tools to get everyone out to vote!

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