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Good afternoon IBEW Local 46 Members!

I wanted to take the time and give you a report on the IBEW Local 48 Blitz in Portland. My experience volunteering in the Portland Local 48 Blitz has resulted in re-enforcing just how important it is to Organize. The first bullet point in our IBEW CONSTITUTION tells us that the objective of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is: To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local Unions.

Organizing should always remain at the top of the list. Through blitzing, we have the ability to increase market share and man work. This is possible with rank-and-file membership who support organizing with volunteers for blitzing, salting, phone banking, bannering and much more.

The first night of the Blitz, I had the opportunity to go out with a Local 48 Journeyman Wireman who had recently turned out; the second night I teamed up with a fourth-year apprentice, also from Local 48; and the third night I called a friend of mine that is a Journeyman Wireman out of Local 46 who is currently working in Local 48.

On all three occasions, over 50% of the households were open to what we had to offer as a better way of life for themselves and especially their families. The households that weren't as open to what we had to offer still accepted the informational leaflets we provided from Local 48. It is so satisfying to know that Union Electricians from several Locals were working together as one team to accomplish the goal of Organizing and getting the information out to the Non-Union Electricians that Local 48 has a lot of work and it would be a great time to become a member of the IBEW.

In Solidarity,

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