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## **SEIU Members Endorse Sen. Barack Obama Homecare Worker Pauline Beck Says: 'Barack Will Change America'**

**Washington, DC**—Nurses, childcare workers, janitors and other service workers endorsed Sen. Barack Obama for president today, calling him the candidate with the best vision, best plan and best strategy to lead the country to a new American Dream.

Members of the Service Employees International Union endorsed Obama to achieve economic justice, quality, affordable healthcare for every American, the freedom for workers to unite in unions, and an end to the Iraq war.

Pauline Beck, a home health care worker in Oakland, CA, said, "Barack is the right candidate for workers. He will change our country." Senator Obama spent a day with Beck last August, helping her care for an elderly patient and spending time with Beck's family.

SEIU members are supporting Obama with an aggressive political effort. With more than 150,000 members in the upcoming primary states, including Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Texas, SEIU will mobilize thousands to go door-to-door, work the phones, and will send mail about their support for Obama. SEIU also will have a substantial presence on television and radio in every critical state.

"This is about more than one election. It's about building for the next generation of America," said SEIU President Andy Stern. "Barack Obama is creating the broadest and deepest coalition of voters we've ever seen."

Anna Burger, SEIU's Secretary-Treasurer, said, "This is one of the most important presidential elections workers have faced. Families are struggling, we're fighting two wars, and a majority of Americans are now worried that their children will be worse off than they are. Obama is the right person at the right time to lead the change we so desperately need in our country."

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