

The Secretary Speaks...
Douglas E. Sizemore, Executive Secretary- Treasurer



Sisters and Brothers,

On June 25, 2009, working families gathered in Washington, D.C. to rally for Health Care Reform. The Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council proudly participated in the rally by sending union members, retirees, and family members by bus to D.C. for the event. I would like to thank all who supported and participated in this event.

As I reflect on the state of health care in our country, I cannot help but look back at the many contract negotiations I took part in where health care was the most contentious issue at the table. The issue of health care is contentious because employers are constantly demanding that employees absorb cost increases for health insurance premiums.

Let's take a look at a few examples of how the healthcare industry fared while millions of Americans were becoming uninsured and the cost of health care was skyrocketing out of control. An AFL-CIO review of corporate 10Ks revealed that the profits of the 18 health insurance companies that make up the Corporate Library's health insurance industry classification went from 1.3 billion in 2002 to 15.39 billion in 2006. That is a 1,084 percent increase in five years! According to 2006 AFL-CIO totals based on data from the Corporate Library, while the number of working families unable to afford health insurance has been constantly increasing, CEOs of pharmaceutical companies received an average compensation of \$4.36 million and health and disability CEOs received an average compensation of \$8.75 million. For more information on these statistics and America's health care crisis, please visit www.aflcio.org.

Sisters and Brothers, our broken health care system is forcing companies and their employees, individuals and families, into making decisions and sacrifices that should not have to be made. On June 25th, over 10,000 people stood together in Washington, D.C. to make sure everyone understands that we will settle for no less than quality, affordable, accessible health care, and a public option that will keep private insurance companies honest and provide legitimate competition in the industry. We will settle for no less than a pay to play standard, so companies that refuse to provide affordable healthcare to their employees no longer have a competitive advantage over responsible employers that do. We will not settle for health care reform that places the burden on working families by taxing employer-provided health care benefits.

Now is the time for change. Now is the time for the voices of working men and women in America to be heard. In one loud, strong, collective voice, our message is clear; WE NEED HEALTH CARE REFORM NOW!

In Solidarity,

Douglas E. Sizemore

Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor
Council Financial Report
9/01/08- 2/28/09

INCOME

Per Capita	\$94,468.77
Misc. Income	\$22,469.65
Interest Earned	\$238.96
Rental & Accounting	\$23,900.00
Community Services	\$45.00
Special Projects Income	\$24,402.07

Total **\$165,524.45**

EXPENSE

Salaries & Payroll Taxes	\$74,015.26
Rent	\$23,741.62
Telephone	\$4,968.10
Office Expense	\$10,131.18
Dues & subscriptions	\$50.00
Publications	\$63.79
Meeting & conferences	\$4,475.30
Legal & accounting	\$9,550.00
Employee expense/ Business Travel	\$2,730.80
Auto expense	\$4,558.06
Insurance (health)	\$4,965.76
Pension plan expense	\$23,157.41
Contributions & gifts	\$598.00
COPE expense	\$15,190.90
Insurance (life)	\$ 687.00
Deferred Compensation	\$8,484.00
Community Services	\$171.53
Special Projects	\$38,442.19
Miscellaneous	\$170.04
Reconciliation Discrepancies/ Penalties	\$3,720.47
Depreciation & Amortization	\$ 8,023.00

Total **\$237,894.41**



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National Health Care Reform Rally Washington D.C. May 25, 2009

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at the Laborers Local 265 Union Hall, union members and allies departed by bus for Washington D.C. to fight for health care. The group joined thousands of workers from all across the country to participate in the National Health Care Reform Rally sponsored by Health Care for America NOW! to demand real health care reform that works for real people.



2009 AFL- CIO Labor Day Picnic September 7th - Coney Island

Special Labor Day activities 12-5 PM

No union card necessary - Everyone is welcome!

Bring or buy your food - Reduced prices on rides, pool, beer, & soda

Union made prizes, Horseshoes, Bingo, Music, Volleyball, and Softball.

Contact Yolanda for more information @ 513-421-1846

Calendar

August 5:	Delegates Meeting	Laborers Local 265 Hall (3457 Montgomery Road) 7:00 PM
September 7:	Labor Day Picnic	Coney Island, 6201 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati , OH 45228

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Next Delegates Meeting

August 5, 2009 - 7:00 PM

**Laborers Local 265 Hall
(3457 Montgomery Road)**