

Candidate Statements: MassHealth Chapter President



Christopher Baratz

Union Siblings,

My name is Christopher Baratz, and I am honored to have served as your Chapter President for the last three years. As the incumbent MassHealth President I am seeking your vote for reelection in this year's critical race. Recently our membership has faced numerous challenges from threats of losing functions of our work to the attacks on our work life balance. As Chapter President I have successfully led crucial victories including the eradication of temporary workers, charges accepted at the Department of Labor Standards involving the variance and AHS, settled grievances and many more.

Now more than ever we need a leader that will be able to stand up and fight, especially with contract negotiations starting next year. As a father of two I know how crucial cost of living pay increases are. Everything continues to skyrocket in price from raspberries to the cost of electricity, but our pay remains well below the cost of living. We must demand the pay and benefits we deserve because as social workers we are the backbone of the Commonwealth. If re-elected my goals are to pressure GIC to reduce insurance premiums, renegotiate a strong call recording memorandum, protect workers' rights in ongoing negotiations, and enhance member engagement by providing biweekly updates. I will work tirelessly to get our union meetings back on work time and fight for more AWS flexibility.

I am known for my integrity, dedication and leadership, and I am committed to continuing to bring these values to the membership every day. My approach is always to remain focused on achieving the best results for our chapter while remaining true to my core beliefs. I am truly excited about the opportunity to serve as your President for another three years. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Christopher Baratz