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Dear Members and Retirees of Teamsters Local 190:

2004 marks a watershed election year for working men and women across the nation and especially here in Montana. It is vitally important that our membership goes to the polls November 2 and votes for candidates who will fight for us to create and maintain good high-paying jobs, improve workplace safety and workers comp, protect your right to union representation and collective bargaining, and safeguard pensions.

Following candidate interviews, review of voting records, surveys, and in collaboration with Montana members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which is now part of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters Local 190 endorses the election of the following candidates, who will work in the best interest of our membership and all Montanans:

President	John F. Kerry, D		
U.S. Congressman	Denny Rehberg, R		
Governor	Brian Schweitzer, D		
Secretary of State	Bill Kennedy, D		
State Auditor	John Morrison, D		
Yellowstone County Commissioner	Jim Reno, R		
State Senate 19	Gerald Navrantl, D	State Senate 21	Gerald Pease, D
State Senate 22	Lane Larson, D	State Senate 24	Kim Gillian, D
State Senate 26	Bruce Simon, R	State Senate 27	Chris Daem, D
State House 38	Ralph Lenhart, D	State House 39	Carol Lambert, R
State House 40	No recommendation	State House 41	Norma Bixby, D
State House 42	Veronica Small-Eastman, D	State House 43	Monica Lindeen, D
State House 44	Gary Forrester, D	State House 45	Alan Olson, R
State House 46	Lee Ann Logan, D	State House 47	Lyn McKinney, D
State House 48	Wanda Grinde, D	State House 49	No recommendation
State House 50	No recommendation	State House 51	Robyn Driscoll, D
State House 52	Arlene Becker, D	State House 53	Carol Gibson, D
State House 54	Gary Branae, D	State House 55	Michael Lange, R
State House 56	No recommendation	State House 57	No recommendation
State House 58	Emelie Eaton, D	State House 59	Dan Dutton, D
	State House 60	Jack Ross, R	

For these candidates to win, our members must turnout and vote – and you should take your friends and family members with you to the polls.

John Kerry and John Edwards have secured a strong endorsement from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Local 190. They have a solid plan for creating ten million jobs over the next ten years, with a new emphasis on education and training, tax reform and tax credits, and protect of American jobs from outsourcing to foreign countries and from privatization. The Kerry-Edwards Team will toughen OSHA enforcement with increased fines for violations and expansion of workplace protections. Kerry-Edwards are committed to strong pension reform.

Denny Rehberg has broken ranks with his own party to side with Teamsters Local 190 on issues of critical importance to working Montanans. Denny has fought to maintain fair trade over so-called free trade by voting against the Australia Free Trade Agreement give-away. He also has worked with us to turn back CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), which would devastate our Western Sugar members. Denny was with us in support of the Olver Amendment, which blocked efforts to open all U.S. roads to Mexican trucks; he understands that opening our highways to unlicensed Mexican trucks, which are typically older and more polluting than American vehicles, not only threatens both highway safety and the environment, but will also translate into unfair competition against U.S. truckers.

Brian Schweitzer and John Bollinger represent a break from the failed policies of the current state administration. As Governor, Schweitzer will fight to create more and better paying jobs, to turn around Montana's economy, and improve our education system. Schweitzer is a real leader for change, and he has the energy to get the job done right.

Jim Reno has been a valuable asset as Yellowstone County Commissioner, where many of our members work. He is a fair, capable, honest manager, who is always willing to listen to our position on issues effecting our members.

Every candidate Teamsters 190 has endorsed is committed to improving Montana's economy, fighting for working men and women, promoting policies which lead to developing good jobs across the state, while protecting workers rights and safety. We fully recognize that we will not agree with every candidate on every issue, but every candidate endorsed by Local 190 is committed to listening to our concerns and working with us on issues which are important to us.

Again, I urge you to vote on November 2. Take your friends and family with you. The outcome of this election is crucial to the future of our state and nation. Please keep our endorsements in mind when you step into the voting booth.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Dwyer,
Secretary-Treasurer