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## **IUOE LOCAL 49 ENDORSES CONGRESSMAN JASON LEWIS**

MINNEAPOLIS -- The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49, Minnesota's largest construction Union with close to 14,000 members, endorses Congressman Jason Lewis for re-election in the 2nd Congressional District of Minnesota. Congressman Lewis has consistently proven his support for the men and women of our Union on the core issue that matters most to Local 49 – the creation of good paying Union jobs.

Congressman Lewis has been a strong and vocal supporter of the critical Line 3 pipeline replacement project. He has also voted to move the Polymet mining project forward on the Iron Range, which is an opportunity to grow jobs for the next generation of people in northeastern Minnesota. These projects and other critical infrastructure initiatives that Congressman Lewis supports will create tens of thousands of jobs.

Congressman Lewis has also fought to make sure the construction of infrastructure produces good paying Union jobs. He has done so by voting against attempts to eliminate Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage. This law ensures that strong local area wage standards are protected, and that construction jobs can pay the bills for Minnesota families.

For these reasons, Congressman Lewis has earned Local 49's support.

Jason George, Business Manager of Local 49 said, "Jason Lewis has made an effort to get to know our Union, understand our issues, and has taken politically tough stances in support of good paying Union jobs. We don't always agree on every issue, but we know that when it comes to supporting our jobs, he has stood with us, and that is why we are standing with him."

### **About IUOE Local 49**

Founded in 1927, Local 49 is the International Union of Operating Engineers. Local 49 represents Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota, and with nearly 14,000 heavy equipment operators, Local 49 is the state's largest construction union. For more information visit [www.local49.org](http://www.local49.org).

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