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Brothers and Sisters,

It is my hope that everyone is doing better in light of the last twelve months we have endured. I am aware that several families within Local 558 has suffered some life changing events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts ache for those that have lost loved ones throughout this unforeseeable pandemic. Aside from the pandemic, we unfortunately lost 35 members last year as well. It is encouraging to know that our forefathers instilled in us to “assist each other in sickness or distress”.

While 2020 was difficult to navigate through, I think it is safe to say that it was one for the record books economically for our Local. In construction alone, we had 2.3 million-man hours of work that provided an estimated \$72,000,000.00 dollars into the families that make up our Brotherhood. We have been fortunate to provide jobs for hundreds of Locals, and it appears we had over 3,000 members working at our peak times. Also last year, we negotiated 6 contracts, and had successful outages at Brown Ferry, Nucor Steel and PCA in Counce Tennessee. We are steadily gaining market in the Decatur area that could be tremendous for our future. At one point we eclipsed 300 apprentices and we now have 23 instructors on staff at our Apprentice School. We have secured a \$100,000.00 grant from the Alabama Workforce development for our Lineman training, and we are close to securing another \$200,000.00 for our Inside Wireman and Welding program that will be starting back up hopefully soon.

In closing, I am excited to see what the future holds for our members and retirees. Our pensions and healthcare plans are very secure and appear to be in good shape for the future. I believe we will continue to be a part of some great projects ahead in our respective jurisdiction. All of this would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our members. And I cannot miss this opportunity to say thank you to the Staff at Local 558. I firmly believe this team is unmatched and they have been steadfast throughout everything we have faced. I can never convey my appreciation to you for the opportunity to serve you and your families. I hope this is a year of growth and prosperity for each member of this great Union.

Fraternally Yours,

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