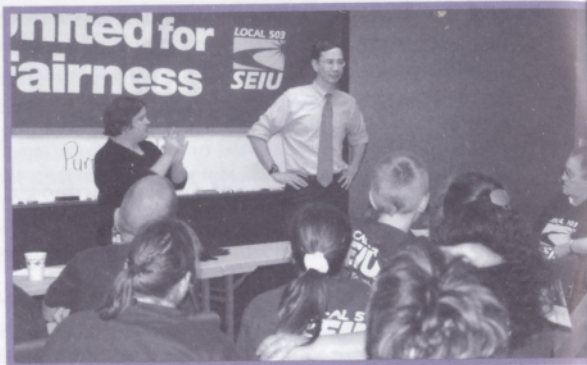


Consider Attorney General John Kroger One Politician Who Keeps His Promises

In the spring of 2008, SEIU members worked to elect John Kroger as Attorney General.

Kroger, a relative newcomer to politics, spoke to the issues that mattered to SEIU members such as strengthening the child support division at the Department of Justice, creating a civil rights division, focusing on drug treatment, and holding corporations accountable.

Before and after his election Kroger promised to work closely with the SEIU members at the Department of Justice and statewide.



John Kroger addresses members.

Since taking office, Attorney General Kroger has kept his promises. He has prioritized learning from his own frontline staff. In July he spent a day in the Bend child support office shadowing workers to learn the different aspects of their job. He also had lunch with members to hear their concerns and brainstorm ideas for how to strengthen the agency.

In addition, he worked with SEIU members on other issues. At the end of session when legislators were considering sentencing reform to save critical public safety programs from cuts, he stood up for the members at the Oregon Youth Authority by advocating for a solution that did not include deep cuts in their programs. SEIU members made a difference in the election for Attorney General and the work paid off with a statewide official who is making a difference for us and for Oregon, advocating on behalf of quality services, public employees, and working families.



"I first met John Kroger in January 2008, when SEIU met with him to decide whether to endorse him as candidate for AG. Kroger visited with Bend Department of Child Support staff, during a union luncheon while he was in Bend on the campaign trail. Several members were in attendance & asked very technical questions & were impressed with his knowledge of the division."

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