

Meeting with Labor Leaders
EEOB, 230A
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
9:30-10:00am

PURPOSE/TOPIC:

This meeting will be a follow-up on yesterday's POTUS meeting. You will be meeting with White House Staff and labor leaders who have been designated by the other labor leaders to discuss the excise tax with the White House.

PARTICIPANTS:

Vice President Joe Biden

Jim Messina, Deputy Chief of Staff

Nate Tamarin, Associate White House Political Director for Labor

Patrick Gaspard, Director of the Office of Political Affairs

Jason Furman, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council

Anna Burger, Chair, Change to Win

Rich Trumka, President, ALF-CIO

Dennis Van Roekel, President, National Education Association

Andy Stern, President, Service Employees International Union

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers

Gerald McEntee, President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Ed Hill, President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Larry Cohen, President, Communication Workers of America

AGENDA:

Vice President Biden will kick off the meeting, but leave in time for the Congressional meeting (at which time Jim Messina will lead the meeting).

The following is a list of items the White House anticipates discussing:

- Threshold
- Indexing
- Transition period for collective bargaining agreements
- Adjustments to the threshold based on a formula accounting for age, gender, and type of work
- How to address state employees in non-CBA states
- Whether there's a mechanism that would allow bargaining units to opt into the exchange
- Factoring a possible higher-than-expected rate of growth pre-2013 into the 2013 threshold
- How to account for dental and vision plans

Note: The meeting will break at 10:45 for about an hour—Rich Trumka is meeting with Joe Courtney and some of the progressive house members on the Hill, and then will be returning.