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Joseph Marutiak Named OPEIU Vice President

Lansing, Michigan – The Executive Board of the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), AFL-CIO, CLC has named Joseph Marutiak to serve as Vice President for Region VII on the Executive Board. Marutiak is the Senior Service Representative for OPEIU Local Union 459 in Lansing, Michigan.

“Joe has been a dedicated union leader for many years, and his life’s mission has been to better the lives of working families in Michigan and throughout the United States,” said OPEIU President Michael Goodwin. “His experience working at Local Union 459, defending members and negotiating higher pay and benefits, makes him the perfect person to represent the members of Region VII.”

Marutiak has served as Local Union 459 senior service representative since 2000, and was president from 1985 to 2000 where he served as the lead negotiator and chief spokesperson during bargaining, processing grievances and organizing new units for the 3,700-member Local Union. Prior to his service at Local 459, Marutiak served as a case manager at C-E-I Community Mental Health and Shiawassee Community Mental Health. He has served on the Michigan AFL-CIO Executive Council since 1998, and the Lansing Association of Human Rights (LAHR) since 1989.

Marutiak replaces the retiring Vice President Cindy Jeffries, who has been appointed to serve as Commissioner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Jeffries is one of four OPEIU members serving as an FMCS commissioner.

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The Office and Professional Employees International Union represents more than 125,000 members in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. OPEIU represents employees and independent contractors in banking and credit unions, insurance, higher education, shipping, hospitals, medical clinics, utilities, transportation, hotels, administrative offices and more.

Professional organizations and Guilds affiliated with OPEIU are a diverse group that includes physicians, pharmacists, chiropractors, appraisers, podiatrists, clinical social workers, hypnotists, teachers and helicopter pilots.