## TAX INFORMATION

TO: PARTICIPANTS OF THE CARPENTERS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND OF ST. LOUIS ("Fund")

FROM: MID-AMERICA CARPENTERS REGIONAL BENEFIT SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 2025

RE: IMPORTANT HEALTH COVERAGE TAX DOCUMENTS

Since 2015, the Fund issued you an annual IRS Form 1095-B. You previously needed this form for personal income tax returns because it summarizes the months of health plan coverage you and your eligible dependents had under the Fund for the previous calendar year.

Beginning with the 2019 tax year, federal law reduced the individual shared responsibility payment ("tax penalty") to \$0 even if there were months in which you failed to maintain health plan coverage. Because you no longer need Form 1095-B to complete and file your personal income tax return, you will no longer automatically receive a Form 1095-B from the Fund.

Your electronic 1095-B may be found under "Documents" in your member portal. To access your member portal account, visit <u>laborfunds.org/member-portal</u> and the site prompts to either log in or set up your account if accessing for the first time.

In addition, the Fund will still send you a paper copy of your Form 1095-B upon request. You may request a Form 1095-B by the following means:

- 1. Request Via Telephone: You may call 877.232.3863, option 1, to make your request. Please be prepared to confirm your name, mailing address, date of birth, or other personal details to confirm your identity.
- Request Via Email: You may email a request to <u>benefits@laborfunds.org</u>. Please include your name, mailing address, and date of birth to confirm your identity. Please state whether you want your Form 1095-B mailed or emailed and provide clear instructions for sending.
- Request Via Mail: You may mail a request to the Fund Office at the following address. Please
  include your name, mailing address, and date of birth to confirm your identity. Please state
  whether you want your Form 1095-B mailed or emailed and provide clear instructions for sending.

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If you have any questions, please call the Fund Office at 314.644.4802 or toll-free at 877.232.3863.