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Austin Keyser is Director of Political and Legislative Affairs for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – a union representing more than 750 thousand active and retired members. He is a lifelong resident of Scioto County, Ohio and a 19-year member of IBEW Local Union No. 575 where he served his apprenticeship and began a career as an Inside Construction Wireman. At age 27 he became the youngest serving construction local business manager and financial secretary in the IBEW. While serving in his position at the IBEW he was also elected to lead the Shawnee District Labor Council, AFL-CIO, a federation of more than 50 local unions located in southern Ohio.

Austin Keyser moved from his position at Local Union No. 575 to become the Ohio campaigns director for the national AFL-CIO. After directing several successful campaigns, he was tapped by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka to become the Midwest Regional Director of the AFL-CIO where he coordinated the joint interests of 40,000 local unions representing millions of members in 12 states.

He has also served in the roles of president of the Scioto County Planning Commission, commissioner on the Ohio Valley Regional Planning Commission, branch director for Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, member of the Ohio Arts Council and board member of the Ohio State Conf. of the IBEW.