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Dear Staff,

Next Sunday, the 18th of January, is the Municipal and Legislative elections. I consider it necessary and timely to share with you the following reflections:

In the first place, I urge you all to go vote, not only because it is our right and our duty; but also because we cannot allow others to decide our future and the future of our children.

During its 55 years of existence, our business has grown. Thanks to that, many of you have worked with us for 10, 15, 30 or more years, enjoying the stability of your jobs. The job is what allows us to support our families, educate our children and ensure a good retirement. At RAF we have been able to generate jobs and maintain them in good measure, thanks to a system in our country that favors free trade.

However, this could change drastically if we make a mistake in electing our leaders, representatives, and rulers.

It is often heard about the “protest vote,” that is, to vote against the leadership of the party in power, to punish its leaders. Such an action, like what happened in Nicaragua and Venezuela, will only cause us to punish ourselves. It is enough to see how this has deteriorated the quality of life in those countries where the people voted for “a change.” Changes are beneficial, but only in those countries where all the parties are democratic and respectful of the rule of law.

We Salvadorans have shown that we are intelligent, we know perfectly what is not advisable, an example of this is that based on need, Salvadorans emigrate, and they go mainly to the United States, not to Cuba, nor to Venezuela, and much less to Nicaragua. Let’s not deceive ourselves; one of the contending parties is allied with the parties that govern in those countries.

The immense majority of Salvadorans believe in God. In the heart of those persons who do not believe in God, there can be nothing good. We cannot allow atheists to govern our country. The top leadership of one of the contending parties has declared publicly to be atheist.

To be supporter of a specific political party has never been and never will be a requirement to obtain or to keep a position in our company. However, personally, I think that we cannot make the mistake giving our vote to a party in whose publications declare itself to be an enemy of private business. It is one thing what its candidate says in the news, and another thing what its leaders and official documents say.

I ask God to enlighten us, to choose as our representatives and leaders persons who allow us to continue working and to opt for a better future, for ourselves and our descendents.

Sincerely,

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