

September 30, 2024

United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

RE: The Union Members Right to Know Act POSITION: Support

Dear Senator:

Union bosses spend billions of dollars each election cycle on politics and lobbying. It does not matter whether rank-and-file workers support these political causes - in the 24 non-Right to Work states workers can be forced to give money to union officials they vehemently disagree with.

The best solution is to prohibit any forced payments to union officials by passing the National Right to Work Act (S. 532), but short of that, workers should be informed of their rights under current law. Union officials are supposed to tell workers what portion of their dues go to politics, and allow them to request that their dues be reduced accordingly. They are supposed to respect workers' religious views, and not force them to fund union activity that violates their faith.

Workers are often unaware of their rights, and can be deliberately misled by union officials who know few workers have the knowledge or resources to defend their rights in court. Clients of the National Right to Work Foundation who have asserted their right not to fund certain union boss activities have been <a href="lied to">lied to</a>, <a href="threatened">threatened</a>, <a href="lectured">lectured</a> to about their religious beliefs, and even fired.

Senator Cassidy's Union Members Right to Know Act would give workers a better sense of how union bosses use their money, and what steps they can take when they disagree with the union boss political projects their forced dues are funding.

Sincerely,

Mark Mix President