EMERGENCY ALERT
CALL TO ACTION

What’s Disgusting? Union Busting!

The shared fate of thousands of middle class families continues to be uncertain as the House Appropriations Committee voted in favor of the Worker Gag Bill to eliminate payroll deductions for unions (HB 1021), sponsored by Representative Chris Dorworth (R, Heathrow). This means the House could vote on this anti-democratic piece of legislation as soon as THURSDAY of this week!

This legislation would deny access to dues deductions from public employees’ paychecks who choose to be a member of a union. In addition, HB 1021 takes away the right to participate collectively in political activities by outlawing deductions for political funds. Basically, HB 1021 restricts the political rights of thousands of Florida’s families.

There are 364 lawful payroll deductions permitted. This bill would not apply to the other 364 organizations that the State of Florida offers payroll deductions, only unions, only firefighters, police, teachers, nurses and other unionized employees who work for the State, Cities, and Municipalities. Why are we being singled out? Union busting plain and simple!

To see a complete list of these 364 organizations please click here.

We need everyone to call their local Representative and tell them to vote against this anti-worker, anti-democratic piece of legislation. Tell them “It is my money, where I chose to use my dues money is up to me and the union I am a part of, not the Legislature”.

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You can find the contact information for the Florida House by clicking [here](#) and then clicking on "Find Your Representative" (the upper left tab) to pull down the search screen. You will need to know your address, city and zip code in order to find the correct representative for your area.

Again give your Representative a call and tell them “Where I use my dues money is up to me and the union I am a part of, not the Legislature”.

The house pension bill that requires FRS participants to contribute 5% and Police and Fire to work until 60 will be heard in the House committee on Thursday morning at 8 am. Make sure you let your legislator know that you expect them to vote against HB 1405 by Rep Workman.

"I dedicated my life to protecting you and the citizens of Florida and you are repaying me by requiring me to work an additional five years at the same time that I will be losing 5% of my salary."