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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

TALKING POINTS ON SB 166

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTACT YOUR REP. (ESPECIALLY THE REPUBLICAN REPS. AND TELL THEM NO ON SB166.

This bill has been re-referred to the Appropriations Committee which have scheduled meetings on Monday, December 11, 2017

Paycheck “Protection” Legislation: Silencing the Voice of the Middle Class

What is paycheck “protection” legislation?

☐ Laws that make it illegal for employees to choose to have their union dues or union political action contributions be deducted from their paychecks.

Who does paycheck “protection” harm?

☐ Workers – These laws hurt middle class workers by creating burdensome administrative work for local unions to individually collect union dues, wasting time and resources that could be spent servicing the needs of the members.

☐ Taxpayers – Since these laws single out unions and not other organizations that deduct from employee paychecks (banks, credit unions, charities, etc.), these laws often end up in court, potentially costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Why should a member of the Legislature vote against so-called “Paycheck Protection”?

☐ Workers should be able to choose which organizations they make payroll deductions to, whether that’s a bank, a credit union, a charity, or a labor union.

☐ This law restricts the freedom of working-class Pennsylvanians. The Pennsylvania government should not be mandating who an employee chooses to give their own hard-earned money to. That is a choice for the employee, not an overreaching government.

☐ Since this bill unfairly targets labor unions as opposed to any other organization, the law will undoubtedly end up in court, potentially costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal defense.

☐ If the government starts to tell us, as citizens, where we can and can’t allocate our own money, it sets a dangerous precedent that we don’t want to see here in Pennsylvania.

☐ Paycheck deductions are cheap, costing the government only a few cents per year per employee. If we follow the logic of this bill and eliminate direct deposit altogether to “protect paychecks”, the government and employers everywhere will be paying much more being mandated to print paper checks