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‘All Government Union Monopolies Are Harmful’ *Unjust System Imperils Public Education as Well as Public Safety*

The death of George Floyd late this May, which occurred when a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck as he lay handcuffed on the ground, prompted Americans all across the country to ask themselves how such a thing could happen.

Soon after the deadly arrest of Mr. Floyd on suspicion of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill, security footage and witness videos of the event began airing on news programs. And concerned citizens learned that the officer who did not remove his knee, even after Mr. Floyd passed out, had had at least 17 previous complaints filed against him with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD).

Unfortunately, as a consequence of a gag rule government union bosses have extracted from the MPD, it is impossible for the public to know the details of the numerous complaints filed against Officer Derek Chauvin before he was finally removed from the police force.

Big Labor Rules Shield Rogue Cops From Discipline

“By and large, American police officers are outstanding citizens to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude,” said National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix. “Countless thousands of Americans are alive today who wouldn’t be were it not for the heroic efforts of policemen and women.

“And there are clearly cases in which the tough decisions police officers have to make in the line of duty, sometimes in just a fraction of a second, are unfairly criticized.

“That’s one reason why Right to Work members and leaders fully support the right of police officers to band together to defend their legitimate interests. Of course, all public servants must have this



Committee President Mark Mix: “Of course, public-safety departments are far from the only government agencies where union monopolists go to extremes to protect bad and sometimes dangerous employees.”

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“Unfortunately, government union bosses have over the course of many years successfully wielded the monopoly-bargaining privileges they have now been statutorily granted in more than 30 states to protect derelict public servants, including rogue cops, from discipline.

“The Minneapolis police union hierarchy is a case in point.

“Gopher State union kingpins have relentlessly exploited their government-granted power to speak for all front-line employees, including those who don’t want to join, in discussions over important workplace matters to keep unprofessional police officers on the job.

“Big Labor protections for Minneapolis police accused of inappropriate use of force include a 48-hour waiting period before anyone can interview them about the alleged incident.

“The police union contract also mandates the expungement of any

disciplinary action that does not result in punishment from the officer’s record.

“And even when officers are fired for misconduct, the deal extracted from the police department by union bosses mandates an appeals process that frequently leads to a reinstatement based on technical procedural errors made by the investigating agency.

“The collective impact of such shields for the worst employees is to force conscientious officers to continue working side by side with those who have dishonored the badge.

“Of course, public-safety departments are far from the only government agencies where union monopolists go to extremes to protect bad and sometimes dangerous employees.

“The fact is, *all* government union monopolies are harmful.

“A 2018 scientific survey of educators commissioned by National Public Radio

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Credit: KUSI-TV (San Diego)

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found that nearly two-thirds of unionized teachers nationwide agree that unions 'make it harder to fire bad teachers.'

"Union-boss opposition to teacher accountability takes many forms.

"Just last year, the top bosses of the statewide affiliates of the mammoth National Education Association [NEA] and American Federation of Teachers [AFT] unions successfully lobbied against passage of Rhode Island legislation that would have criminalized sex between school employees and 16- and 17-year-old students!"

Committee President Exposes Government Union Excesses In TV, Radio Interviews

As concerned Americans nationwide considered how to deter misconduct without impairing police departments' ability to maintain public order in June and July, Mr. Mix took to the airwaves again and again to highlight the pernicious impact of laws endowing government union bosses with monopoly privileges.

On June 19, Mr. Mix was interviewed on KUSI-TV's *Good Morning, San Diego* program. On June 22, he appeared on WPXI-TV's *Chris Moore Show* in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Radio interviews with Mr. Mix addressing the topic of police reform aired in Monroe, La., Wilmington, N.C., Mankato, Minn., Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Lansing and Grand Rapids, Mich., Seattle, Miami, and other towns and cities.

An op-ed penned by Mr. Mix regarding the same matter was published in the Washington (D.C.) *Examiner* on July 23.

"Although the current political climate is in many regards hostile for Right to

Work supporters," he commented, "2020 is presenting us with a rare opportunity to make the case to the American people for rolling back monopolistic unionism in the government sector.

"As a consequence of the national focus on the tragic death of George Floyd, along with the undeniable role inordinately powerful police union bosses play in making such tragedies happen, even many diehard Big Labor apologists are finally acknowledging there is a problem."

Perhaps the most flabbergasting example, noted Mr. Mix, is Harvard law professor Ben Sachs, the former union staffer who just a few years ago was the legal mastermind behind a Big Labor scheme to overturn, effectively, every state Right to Work law in America through judicial activism. (Thanks in part to Right to Work attorneys' vigilance, this scheme was derailed.)

'Changes to the Law Governing Police Unions Are Absolutely Necessary'

"Recognizing that police union bosses have 'abused' their monopoly-bargaining power in 'indefensible ways,' Prof. Sachs now openly advocates curtailing the scope of their power," explained Mr. Mix.

"In a June op-ed published by *USA Today*, he explicitly acknowledged, 'Changes to the law governing police unions are absolutely necessary.'

"At a time when even a man like Ben Sachs is admitting that monopolistic government unionism can be very harmful, it is ironic and distressing that the overwhelming majority of Democrat politicians in Congress continue pushing to expand it.



Credit: Kathleen Doohar

Big Labor apologists like Harvard's Ben Sachs are now admitting monopolistic unionism can be very harmful.

"Today, a majority of U.S. House members are cosponsors of H.R.3463, extraordinarily radical legislation that would override state laws and mandate union monopoly control over first responders and millions of other public-sector employees in all 50 states.

"Forty U.S. senators are cosponsors of S.1970, essentially identical legislation that would institute nationwide government-sector union monopoly bargaining by federal fiat.

"To put the icing on the cake, U.S. presidential challenger Joe Biden, now favored to win according to most polls, has publicly stated he is eager to sign legislation like H.R.3463 or S.1970.

"In the post-George Floyd era, it's difficult to see how any candidate for federal office would dare to support such an ugly power grab.

"Over the next few months, Committee members will put intense pressure on Mr. Biden and other federal candidates who have backed H.R.3463/S.1970 to change course." 📢

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'Members' Dues Money Is His Personal ATM'

Biden Campaign Dodges Questions About Shady Government Union Ally

During a June 23 videoconference with other top officials of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF/AFL-CIO), high-living union President Harold Schaitberger boasted that, if Democrat Joe Biden becomes America's next President:

"[W]e will have a key to the back door of the White House."

Of course, many rank-and-file firefighters who are subject to IAFF bosses' monopoly-bargaining control voted for Republican Donald Trump in 2016. Many will likely vote to reelect Mr. Trump come November.

But Mr. Schaitberger and his lieutenants clearly have no compunction about using dues money extracted from first responders who are forced by law to let IAFF bosses speak for them on matters concerning their pay, benefits, and work rules to elect a presidential candidate those same workers oppose.

IAFF Union Czar Faces Investigation For Misusing Millions in Workers' Dues

Mr. Schaitberger has long faced accusations of using workers' forced-dues money for his personal benefit.

A June 25 article in the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Mr. Schaitberger stands accused of "financial mismanagement, improper pension payouts and misuse of union resources for personal expenses."

"No one who is familiar with Harold Schaitberger's history with the IAFF should be surprised by these accusations," stated National Right to Work Committee Vice President Greg Mourad.

"As far back as 2014, Mr. Schaitberger has faced allegations of financial misconduct and using union members' dues dollars for his own private ends -- dues dollars mostly taken from rank-and-file public-safety employees forced by law under his so-called representation.

"According to Edward Kelly, the treasurer for the IAFF, Mr. Schaitberger has illegally taken over \$1 million from the union's pension system since 2000.

"Mr. Schaitberger's greed is even more outrageous in light of the fact that IAFF kingpins have often failed to arrange for adequate funding of the rank-and-file firefighter pensions they promise and often use as a key selling point in organizing campaigns.

"In addition to this massive theft, Mr.



Credit: Photo previously published by Washington Sentinel.

IAFF boss Harold Schaitberger (left) faces decades-spanning allegations of misusing coerced union dues money for personal ends. His ally Joe Biden is seemingly turning a blind eye to the charges.

Kelly also alleges that Mr. Schaitberger has evaded paying about \$1 million in taxes on more than \$3 million in deferred compensation during his tenure as president of the IAFF."

Mr. Mourad noted that Mr. Schaitberger's alleged fraudulent use of workers' dues money went far beyond these massive scams.

"According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Mr. Schaitberger has charged to the union thousands of dollars 'in steak dinners, bar tabs and music downloads.'

"These suspect expenses range from tens of thousands at elite Washington, D.C. restaurants to using 'a union credit card to download content on iTunes.'

"In fact, former IAFF chief of staff Peter Gorman charges that Mr. Schaitberger 'runs the union like the members' dues money is his personal ATM.'

"Now Mr. Kelly is threatening to report the free-spending Mr. Schaitberger's improper financial dealings to the Internal Revenue Service."

Joe Biden Has No Comment On Union Boss Ally and Confidant's Scandal

Mr. Mourad continued:

"All too frequently in cases like this, where shady union bosses manage to stay in power despite crooked financial dealings, it is Big Labor politicians who reap the ultimate benefits through coerced-dues fueled politicking.

"And Harold Schaitberger's close relationship with presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee Joe

Biden is a clear example of such a vicious cycle.

Mr. Schaitberger is a longtime supporter and close confidant of Mr. Biden. He directed the IAFF to be the first major union to endorse him back in early 2019.

"According to IAFF officials, Mr. Schaitberger openly admits that his ties to Mr. Biden are at the center of the union's mission.

"Not surprisingly, Joe Biden has evaded making any statement on the disturbing allegations that Mr. Schaitberger faces.

"The *Journal* reports that his campaign team 'didn't comment' on the matter.

"When crooked union bosses like Harold Schaitberger use their power and monopoly control over workers to support Big Labor politicians, those same politicians will be in no rush to bring them to justice.

"Joe Biden's campaign team may be dodging a statement on his ally Mr. Schaitberger's scandal, but his 36 years in the U.S. Senate and eight years as vice president are comment enough.

"Based on his record, there is no doubt a Joe Biden presidency will side with union-boss special interests over ordinary workers any day.

"This is the time when the majority of citizens who oppose forced unionism can really make a difference.

"The Committee will continue to urge Right to Work supporters to put the pressure on Big Labor politicians like Joe Biden to disavow corrupt union bosses like Harold Schaitberger and renounce support for forced unionism -- or face the potential electoral consequences." 🗳️

'No More Forced Dues' For Crooked UAW Bosses?

Restoring Rank-and-File's Right to Work Key to Cleaning Up Union

On June 30, Rory Gamble, the president of the scandal-ridden United Auto Workers (UAW/AFL-CIO), met with U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider, who is overseeing prosecutors' efforts to root out corruption in the UAW and in management of UAW-controlled auto companies.

Mr. Gamble hopes to persuade Mr. Schneider not to initiate a government takeover of the crooked union.

As reporters Robert Snell and Kalea Hall pointed out in an article regarding the private meeting for the *Detroit News*, Mr. Gamble's "agreement to meet with investigators" carries risks.

Corruption a Pervasive Problem Not Just in UAW, But in Big Labor as a Whole

Federal agents, they explained, are now "probing ties between [Mr. Gamble] and one of the union's highest paid vendors as well as whether [union officials] received bribes."

On June 3, former UAW President Gary Jones became the 10th senior UAW official to plead guilty to federal crimes since 2017 in connection with an ongoing probe into embezzlement, racketeering, and labor law violations.

Corruption is a pervasive problem not just in the UAW, but in Organized Labor as a whole, and government policies promoting forced union dues are a principal source of such corruption.

That's why the National Right to Work Committee is urging Mr. Schneider to make the elimination of the forced-dues privileges that UAW bosses continue to wield over employees in states like Illinois, Missouri and Ohio a core part of his program to clean up the union.

Mr. Schneider has repeatedly stated publicly that a takeover of the UAW, which would surely entail the putting out to pasture of a number of current UAW officials, is on the table.

However, he has also indicated that such a radical and rare move could be avoided if the UAW brass were to agree soon to far-reaching reforms that would make it effectively impossible in the future for union bosses like Mr. Jones to get away, year after year, with ripping off workers.

Empower Individual Workers To 'Fight Corruption Through Refusing to Fund' the UAW

Which reforms?

Mr. Schneider has not publicly

specified what he has in mind, but "Right to Work protections for all employees subject to UAW contracts would be a great start," said Committee President Mark Mix. "It ought to be required from UAW officials in order to avoid a takeover, or alternatively made the first order of business in a UAW takeover if union kingpins balk."

Speaking in his capacities as president of the Committee and the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Mr. Mix wrote to Mr. Schneider on June 26.

As Mr. Mix explained in the letter, UAW bosses abused workers, year after year, by using "the extraordinary privileges" granted to them by federal law.

Foremost among them are "their dual coercive powers of monopoly exclusive representation and authorization to cut deals mandating that rank-and-file workers pay union dues or fees, or else be fired (in states without Right to Work protections)."

While Mr. Mix proposed certain reforms that would be very useful to deter future embezzlement and racketeering, one proposal is simply indispensable: Empowering "workers as individuals to fight corruption through refusing to fund" the UAW.

Mr. Schneider could accomplish this end first by requiring UAW officials, as a condition of avoiding a takeover, to "renounce and cease all enforcement of existing so-called 'union security' clauses that make payment of union dues or fees" mandatory.

Without Individual Free Choice, Reform Can't Happen

The next step is changing the UAW constitution to "forbid the negotiation" of such forced-dues clauses in all future contracts.

Finally, wrote Mr. Mix, Mr. Schneider should demand that UAW kingpins end enforcement "of any dues checkoff authorizations or other policies that limit workers' ability to immediately stop deductions of union dues or fees from their paychecks."

Individual employees' free choice to bankroll a union, or not, is the cleansing material needed to clean up the UAW.

Without it, Mr. Schneider's bid to bring lasting, genuine and positive change to the UAW cannot succeed, no matter how well-intentioned he is. 🗳️



Former President Gary Jones is just one of many top UAW officials who exploited their coercive power to enrich themselves even as they publicly pretended to be leaders of a "workers' movement."

Chickens Are Coming Home to Roost in Nevada

Union Dons Bitterly Denounce Governor Whom They Lauded in 2019

Big Labor Democrat Gov. Steve Sisolak can't say he wasn't warned.

A little over a year ago, legislation (S.B.135) handing government union bosses monopoly-bargaining power over roughly 20,000 state employees was sitting on Mr. Sisolak's desk.

A few months earlier, he had declared his support for granting Big Labor "exclusive" bargaining control over state employees like prison guards and highway patrolmen. But Mr. Sisolak had not committed himself to signing S.B.135 itself.

In a letter written on behalf of National Right to Work Committee members and other freedom-loving citizens in Nevada, Committee President Mark Mix admonished the governor.

Do not force additional tens of thousands of workers to allow officers of a union they may not personally support to speak for them on important matters concerning their pay, benefits, and work rules, urged Mr. Mix.

Governor Clearly Already Knew Bill Was Problematic Before He Signed It

If S.B.135 became law, warned Mr. Mix, it would trample civil servants' personal freedom and sabotage efforts to make government operate more efficiently. Citizens would end up paying "higher taxes," while getting "less from their tax dollars in return."

Despite having gratefully accepted massive Big Labor campaign support during his 2018 campaign in exchange for agreeing to reward union bosses in his state with new special privileges if elected, Mr. Sisolak obviously recognized S.B.135 was problematic.

That's why, late last May, his staffers and apprehensive union-label senators decided to replace the original S.B.135 with a "compromise" measure, narrower in scope, but still antithetical to state employees' individual rights and taxpayer interests.

Unlike the original, S.B.135 as passed says that the Nevada Legislature can potentially veto exorbitant monopoly-bargaining deals. This is the scheme Mr. Sisolak rubber-stamped last June.

That was just 15 months ago. But today it's already obvious that Mr. Sisolak's attempt to have it both ways when it comes to protecting taxpayers and enhancing Big



Credit: AP Photo - Scott Sommer

By coddling Big Labor, Gov. Sisolak has hamstrung his own ability to close a \$1.3 billion budget deficit.

Labor's coercive power is a failure.

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 4041 President Harry Schiffman, who last year applauded Mr. Sisolak's "historic" signing of S.B.135, now berates the governor's actions as a "disgrace to our state and a disservice to all Nevadans."

What has Mr. Sisolak done to turn his erstwhile friends against him? Facing a \$1.3 billion deficit for the fiscal year starting July 1, primarily as a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic and the economic lockdown he imposed this spring to stem its spread, Mr. Sisolak wants to reduce FY 2021 spending by furloughing 21,000 employees for one day every month.

He also advocates freezes on merit raises and filling job vacancies.

He believes he has authority under S.B.135 to circumvent monopoly-bargaining deals when the state faces a

crisis, as it clearly does today.

But government union bosses insist that, even in the wake of the steepest economic downturn since the Great Depression, the governor can't make even the modest cuts he proposes without their permission.

They seem determined to shift virtually all of the recession's burden to taxpaying employees and businesses. Thanks largely to S.B.135, they may well get their way.

Virginia State Politicians Have One Last Chance to Correct Their Mistake

The ongoing fiscal fiasco in Carson City, Nev., should prompt state politicians in Richmond, Va., to save themselves before it's too late, noted Mr. Mix.

"This spring," he explained, "Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam and his fellow Democrat politicians in the state General Assembly colluded to overturn the statutory ban on government-sector monopoly bargaining that had benefited the Old Dominion since 1993.

"But the new law green-lighting Big Labor 'exclusive representation' over public servants does not take effect until next May 1.

"As Virginia continues to grapple with coronavirus-related budget woes, handing vast new powers to AFSCME and other government union bosses is the last thing the state should be doing.

"That's why, when the General Assembly reconvenes in early 2021, Right to Work members will be urging lawmakers to correct their mistake and repeal the monopoly-bargaining law before it takes effect."

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'Peak Earners' Favor Right to Work States

'Foot Voting' Exposes Falsity of Big Labor Propagandists' Claims

Union bosses often grossly understate, or altogether "forget" about, regional cost-of-living differences when they are debating living standards in Right to Work states vs. in forced-unionism states.

Downplaying or ignoring this key issue makes it easier to hide the economically disastrous effects of compulsory unionism.

But no matter how vociferously Big Labor tries to insist that corraling workers into monopolistic unions somehow makes them more prosperous, there is one unimpeachable fact that union spokesmen have extraordinary difficulty explaining away:

When they have a choice, working-age people prefer not to live in forced-unionism states.

Over Past Decade, Forced-Dues States' Peak-Earning-Year Population Fell by 7.4%

Considered together, age-grouped state population data for 2019 released by the U.S. Census Bureau this June and comparable data for 2009 tell an important story.

They show that, over the past decade, the total population of people in their peak-earning years (aged 35-54) for the 23 states that have yet to adopt and implement a Right to Work law, barring

the termination of employees for refusal to bankroll an unwanted union, fell from 44.20 million to 40.93 million.

That represents a decline of nearly 3.3 million, or 7.4%.

Nationwide, the peak-earning-year population fell by 4.4% from 2009 to 2019 as a consequence of aging Baby Boomers.

But in the 22 states that had Right to Work laws on the books the whole time, there was no overall net decline at all!

And the correlation between forced-unionism status and peak-earning-year population decline is quite robust.

Breadwinners Favor States Where They Can Provide Better For Their Families

Among the 45 states that were either Right to Work or forced-unionism for the whole period from 2009 to 2019, the 13 states experiencing the most severe peak-earning-year losses in percentage terms are all forced-unionism.

They are: Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Alaska, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri, and New Mexico.

Meanwhile, the four top-ranking states (Texas, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona) are all Right to Work.

Had the decline in the 23 states that still don't have Right to Work laws today been only as severe as the national average, they would have had roughly 1.3 million more residents in their peak-earning years as of 2019.

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Matthew Leen commented:

"The obvious and correct explanation is that breadwinners, along with their families, are fleeing forced-unionism states in droves.

"Working men and women find again and again that they cannot provide as well for their families in such states as they can in Right to Work states, with their generally higher real incomes and lower living costs."

Mr. Leen pointed to a 2019 analysis by the National Institute for Labor Relations Research, which showed that the mean after-tax, cost of living-adjusted household income in 2018 was roughly \$4,300 higher in Right to Work states than in forced-unionism states.

'Foot Voters Have Strong Incentives' to Acquire Information, 'Use It Wisely'

Mr. Leen emphasized that the Institute's findings should surprise no one who is familiar with the data revealing where America's breadwinners prefer to work and live. He explained:

"It defies common sense to claim that people who get the vast majority of their income from their jobs would lopsidedly favor living in states where they are worse off over states where they are better off.

"Yet that's effectively what Big Labor propagandists do claim, again and again.

"The fact is, as George Mason University law professor Ilya Somin explains in his just-published book *Free to Move*, 'foot voters have strong incentives to acquire relevant information and use it wisely.'

"People choosing where to live know their decisions 'have real consequences,' and therefore they generally don't act without first considering all the key facts.

"That's why we should trust 'foot voters' to know what's best for themselves and their families. And they are telling us, in overwhelming numbers and again and again, that they are better off in Right to Work states than in forced-unionism states."



States With the Greatest Percentage Losses Of Residents, Aged 35-54, From 2009-19

STATE	ABSOLUTE LOSS	PERCENTAGE LOSS
Vermont	34.5 thousand	18.8 percent
New Hampshire	70.5 thousand	17.2 percent
Maine	66.9 thousand	16.9 percent
Connecticut	165.1 thousand	15.4 percent
Rhode Island	42.5 thousand	14.0 percent
Pennsylvania	473.2 thousand	13.2 percent
Ohio	412.0 thousand	12.6 percent
Alaska	24.5 thousand	11.8 percent
New York	622.0 thousand	11.3 percent
New Jersey	292.7 thousand	11.1 percent

All 10 of these states are compulsory-unionism.

Since Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky adopted Right to Work between 2012 and 2017, they are excluded.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Census Bureau data clearly show that, when they have a choice, working-age people prefer not to live in forced-unionism states. Union spokesmen have extraordinary difficulty explaining away this unimpeachable fact.

Right to Work at Risk

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to the jurisdiction of the states, not the federal government, Mr. Biden has said he would be eager to sign federal legislation foisting union monopoly bargaining on public workers in all 50 states.

Senate Could Be Right to Work's 'Last Firewall' Against Host of Power Grabs

Page 66 of the Biden-Sanders "blueprint" reaffirms the candidate's support for a "federal guarantee" that Big Labor can wield monopoly-bargaining control over "public-sector employees" at all levels of government.

As tantalizing as the pro-forced unionism agenda laid out in the Biden-Sanders "blueprint" undoubtedly is for union chieftains from AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka on down, the union hierarchy is well aware of the fact that the election of Joe Biden as President alone will not make this agenda a reality.

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Mary King explained:

"Barring a burst of pro-union monopoly judicial activism from the U.S. Supreme Court that will remain unlikely as long as the High Court is constituted as it is at present, Mr. Trumka and Co. will only be able to realize their dream of destroying all state Right to Work laws with the help of Congress.

"In other words, the Senate will have to join the House in rubber-stamping the PRO Act or another similar scheme, or Joe Biden will never get a chance to sign it.

"Indeed, the Senate could potentially be Right to Work's last firewall against not just the PRO Act, but an entire host of Big Labor power grabs."

This year, the AFL-CIO empire and its subsidiaries, as well as the top brass of non-AFL-CIO unions like the National Education Association (NEA) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), are determined both to tear down that Right to Work firewall and install Joe Biden in the White House.

Back PRO Act Unreservedly, Or Big Labor Won't Give You 'A Dollar or a Door Knock'

A key part of the AFL-CIO strategy is to withhold all Big Labor support for any federal candidate, regardless of party affiliation, who resists pledging not merely to vote for the PRO Act if it comes up for a roll call, but also to do everything he or she can to move this scheme forward.

U.S. Senate and House candidates from all 50 states, including the 27 current Right to Work states, have already been given notice by Mr. Trumka that nothing less than their wholehearted support for the forced unionism-expanding PRO Act will be acceptable.

"The words Mr. Trumka spoke just before the House rubber-stamped the PRO Act in February couldn't have been more plain," recalled Ms. King.

"Those who would oppose, delay or derail this legislation, do not ask us -- do not ask the [Organized] [L]abor movement -- for a dollar or a door knock. We won't be coming."

Ms. King continued:

"Mr. Trumka's words of just a few months ago must not be forgotten now that AFL-CIO bosses are pouring massive amounts of money and manpower into 2020 campaigns to defeat anti-forced unionism senators representing strongly pro-Right to Work states like Arizona, North Carolina and Georgia.

"As far as Right to Work researchers can ascertain through Internet searches, Big Labor-backed U.S. Senate challengers like Democrats Mark Kelly [Ariz.] and Cal Cunningham [N.C.] have said nothing publicly about where they stand on the PRO Act, which would override their own states' bans on forced union fees.

"But since Mr. Kelly and Mr. Cunningham have both been formally endorsed by AFL-CIO operatives in their states, and are now benefitting from their backing, Right to Work supporters must infer they have made secret commitments to back the PRO Act."

Survey 2020 Program Aims to Pressure 'Stealth' Candidates to Change Course

The National Right to Work Committee's Survey 2020 program, said Ms. King, is expressly designed to prevent politicians from getting away with concealing until after Election Day pro-forced unionism stances they know will be unpopular with voters in their jurisdiction.

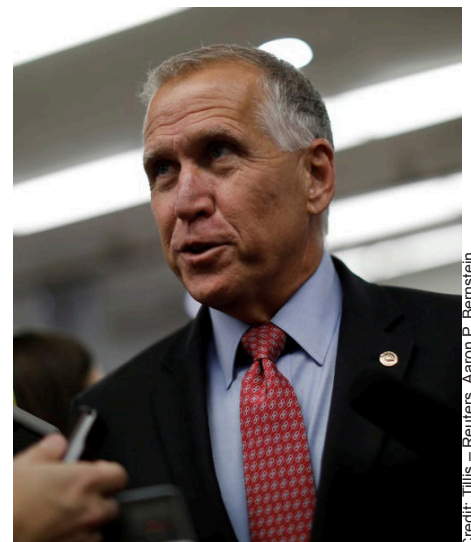
"The Survey 2020," she said, "will leave Big Labor candidates like Mark Kelly and Cal Cunningham with a choice: Repudiate the deals they have cut to support union special privileges, or face the potential political consequences." 📣



Credit: McSally - Matt York, Associated Press



Credit: Gardner - Hart Van Denburg, CPR News



Credit: Tillis - Reuters, Aaron P. Bernstein

To pave the way for 2021 enactment of radical forced-unionism legislation, Big Labor is targeting for defeat pro-Right to Work U.S. senators like Martha McSally (Ariz., left), Cory Gardner (Colo., center) and Thom Tillis (N.C.).

State Right to Work Laws at Risk This Fall

Forced Fees Could Potentially Be Re-Imposed Nationwide in 2021

By the time this National Right to Work Newsletter edition reaches its readers across America, career Big Labor politician Joe Biden will almost certainly have been officially nominated by the Democrat Party to face off against pro-Right to Work President Donald Trump in the November elections.

Most current polls suggest Mr. Biden will win this contest and become the next President.

Biden Labor Policy Plan Even More Radical Than Obama or Clinton Agenda

Mr. Biden is campaigning on a labor-policy platform that is far more radical even than those advanced by 2016 Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton or former President Barack Obama.

Just for starters, Mr. Biden proposes to wipe out all 27 state Right to Work laws,

so that union bosses can force millions more American workers to pay union dues, or else be fired.

Will Joe Biden be able to implement this anti-worker and economically devastating program if the polls turn out to be correct and he is elected?

This could well depend on the outcomes of a handful of U.S. Senate races, including several in Right to Work states, that will likely be decided by very narrow margins.

As if to hammer home the point that he is a radical advocate of forced unionism, former Vice President (2009-17) Biden openly invited Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, the avowed socialist who unsuccessfully challenged him for the Democrat nomination early this year, to help him shape his presidential agenda.

In May, Mr. Biden and Mr. Sanders announced the members of their six “Unity Task Forces,” small teams of political

insiders commissioned to assemble what was effectively the first draft of the Democrat National Committee (DNC) platform.

Inside-the-D.C. Beltway union bosses Lee Saunders, Sara Nelson, Mary Kay Henry, Lily Eskelsen Garcia, and Randi Weingarten were members of the economic, health care and education task forces.

‘Democrats Will Prioritize Passing the [Right to Work-Destroying] PRO Act’

On July 8, the Biden-Sanders task forces’ 110-page “blueprint” for a Biden presidency was unveiled.

With regard to labor-policy matters, the *Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations* come straight out of the playbook of Mr. Sanders, a lifelong rabid proponent of compulsory unionism.

For example, on page 14, the document declares that “Democrats will prioritize passing the PRO Act” and “repeal . . . ‘right-to-work’ laws . . .”

As alarming as it is, this sop to Big Labor merely reaffirms Mr. Biden’s 2019 vow to push for adoption of the cynically mislabeled “Protecting the Right to Organize” Act, or PRO Act (H.R.2474/S.1306).

The PRO Act is a smorgasbord of new special privileges for union bosses that includes a provision making private-sector forced union dues and fees permissible in all 50 states, including states where they are currently prohibited by state Right to Work laws.

State and Local Public Employees Who Wish to Stay Union-Free in Biden Sights

This legislation, which passed the Nancy Pelosi-ruled U.S. House of Representatives on February 6, includes a wide array of other special-interest provisions designed to further empower union bosses to foist their “representation” on as many private-sector workers as possible.

But the PRO Act actually doesn’t go far enough for Mr. Biden.

Even though state and local employees have traditionally been regarded as subject



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First, President Richard Trumka (inset) declared that no candidate refusing to support the anti-Right to Work PRO Act would get AFL-CIO bosses’ backing. Next, Arizona AFL-CIO chiefs endorsed U.S. Senate candidate Mark Kelly.

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