

# CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE \$5,500 A YEAR



## to the Corporate-Backed 'Right to Work' for Less Law?

*For years, management has been squeezing more work out of us for less pay and weaker benefits. Now, corporate-backed anti-worker politicians hold the majority in the state legislature, and they're pushing legislation that threatens working families, our wages and our union contracts. The "right to work" for less bill they're backing:*

■ **Lowers Wages for Everyone.** \$5,500 a year—that's how much less the average worker makes in states with these so-called "right to work" laws. In this economy, who can afford a \$5,500 pay cut? (Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2010)

■ **Is Unfair to Workers Who Play by the Rules.** Our union is required to fight for higher wages, better benefits and workplace rights for everyone on the job. But this bill lets free-riders take all the benefits of our union contract without paying their fair share of the costs. That's not right.

■ **Is Backed by Big Business.** The bill is backed by the same people who were elected with support from powerful special interests attacking workers across the country with initiatives aimed at lowering wages and undermining our ability to negotiate fair contracts.

■ **Endangers worksite safety and health standards.** Laws like this one weaken our unions so we can't bargain for better working conditions—resulting in more injuries and even deaths at work. (Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect, AFL-CIO, 2010)

**WE CAN'T AFFORD 'RIGHT TO WORK' FOR LESS**

**Call or write your state legislators today and urge them to oppose it.**

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