

What “Right To Work” is really about

The “Right To Work” law that the Michigan legislature is threatening to pass on Tuesday is not about people having the right to work, or even about paying union dues, as the media tries to make people think. “Right To Work” laws are meant to weaken unions. “Right To Work” is one part of a whole series of attacks by the state government that have been aimed at reducing the wages and benefits of workers, unionized or not. It is an attack against us by people who don’t believe that workers have the right to a decent standard of living.

“Right To Work” is not just coming from some right-wing Republicans and Governor Snyder. These politicians are funded by corporate owners and wealthy people in this state. They are the ones paying for all the “Right To Work” media ads.

I believe we need to stand up to fight against this “Right To Work” law, in the same way that many of us fought against the concessions that the auto companies tried to shove down our throats. Any time someone attacks you, if you don’t respond, it just encourages them to attack you further.

I believe all the concessions we have given up have made our union weaker. If we are ever going stop further concessions and get back what we have lost, we need a stronger union, not a weaker one.

There is a rally to oppose “Right To Work” at the Capitol in Lansing on Tuesday, starting at 9:00 a.m. I know that everyone can’t be there, but if you are able to attend I encourage you to be there.

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