



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The temporary powers in place at the United States Supreme Court have staked their claim, to the whole of America, that over 5 million workers within their jurisdiction are less than. They have decided that a piece of their agenda includes gutting the middle class and increasing the rights of corporations. We have seen time and time again, through the stripping of the rights of the American worker, that this administration and the court justices it appoints are here for corporate interests over the people. Through the decision rendered, the Supreme Court of the United States of America has sided with Janus.

Governor Bruce Rauner of the State of Illinois, Mark Janus the primary plaintiff, William L. Messenger who is the lawyer from the National Right to Work Foundation who spoke in support of Janus in the opening remarks of this case, Solicitor General Noel J. Francisco, Jacob Huebert who is the director of litigation at the Liberty Justice Center, and many others were instrumental in having this case heard and decided. Keep in mind that this case was fought by support from wealthy organizations and political think tanks which include: The Freedom Foundation, Donors Capital Fund, Mercer Family Foundation, and many others. These organizations have donated over \$100,000 each to the cause of busting our unions in just the last eight years alone. Janus v. AFSCME is not their first ride seeking to bleed unions dry.

The decision handed down by the Supreme Court is the law of the land. It cannot be reversed unless a set of justices overturns it or an amendment is made in our Country's constitution. Instead of holding our collective breath for that to occur, we should prioritize our efforts, along with our Brothers and Sisters, to reaffirm our commitment and stake our claim that our union isn't going anywhere in light of this decision. We have been tested and hardened by the past and followed through with steadfast resolve in the face of adversities; that is why we are here today. In the struggles we have seen, we have not been stifled, and we will continue to persevere; but we need your help. Please take a moment to sign a commitment card which was sent in a packet to you from the hall. That commitment card does not ask you to do anything more or less than you are doing now. It only helps you reaffirm your support for our union in these trying times. If you did not receive a card in the mail or have questions, please contact your Shop Steward or Business Representative.

In solidarity,

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