

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I was obviously fried when I emailed last night. The emotion of the day was strong, we had at least two Senators that had told our members that they were opposed to the bill and then voted in favor of the bill. Other Senators said that they were strongly opposed to some of the bill's provisions but voted for the bill without those provisions being addressed. Be looking for a comprehensive analysis of the provisions of the bill as amended, it is coming soon.

The following 16 Senators voted against the bill:

Republicans: Tom Patton, Jim Hughes, Scott Oelslager, Gayle Manning; Bill Seitz, Tim Grendell

Democrats: All of them - Capri Cafaro, Joe Schiavoni, Tom Sawyer, Eric Kearney, Edna Brown, Shirley Smith, Nina Turner, Jason Wilson, Charleta Tavares, Michael Skindell

The following 17 Senators voted for the bill:

Republicans: Tom Neihaus, Kevin Bacon, Keith Faber, Shannon Jones, Jimmy Stewart, Mark Wagoner, Cliff Hite, Frank LaRose, Karen Gillmor, David Daniels, Chris Widener, Tim Schaffer, Gary Cates, Bill Beagle, Peggy Lehner, Kris Jordan, Larry Obhoff

Democrats: None

I am getting a lot of emails being copied to me that are addressed to local republican party officials. Lots of our members are resigning from the Republican Party. I have not asked for that, nor will I. I will ask that if you are a registered republican and you believe that SB 5 is not one of your priorities, that you call your local republican party and let them know that. Let them know that you want them to focus on issues that do categorize you as greedy union thugs who are unproductive members of society. The republican party (not all republican politicians mind you) is using this cause to raise funds, they are asking their supporters to give money specifically to defeat you.

This fight is only 1/3 over. We have lost in the Senate. We still have the House to make our case and, if need be, we will appeal to the voters. (We cannot start gathering signatures yet, we have to wait until the bill becomes a law I believe) What I need you to do now is this:

- 1) Make sure your email is on file with the state lodge so we can communicate with you in real time. We might need this House member focused on immediately and the only way to do that is to tell you through email.
- 2) Begin to call and ask for appointments with your House members. Ask to meet them in their office or at home in the District. Ask them to sit down with you before they make

up their mind on how to vote on this issue.

3) Call, email and write letters to the House members. You can get email addresses and physical addresses by checking here http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.php?option=com_displaymembers&Itemid=58. You can find out who your House Rep is by zip code from that link. Use the talking points listed here: <http://protectohioprotectors.org/> If you want to send mass emails, the addresses are here:

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- 4) If your local lodge does political endorsements of Ohio House members, please give any and all information about endorsed candidates to Mike Taylor at mtaylor@gigohio.com. We are currently reviewing our files as well.
- 5) Write letters to the Editor using the points listed here: <http://protectohioprotectors.org/> and clicking the link to the talking points.
- 6) You can ask your local governments to pass resolutions opposing SB 5, as several cities have.
- 7) You can speak to your friends, neighbors and family members and ask that they do all the things on this list as well. The pressure is important. You can energize your co-workers by explaining how important this bill is to your career and your standard of living.
- 8) You can organize Town Hall style meetings for public employees and your House Reps and discuss the issue. This is very important and I would like to see each region have these.
- 9) Capital City Lodge 9 is having an informational meeting on Monday, March 14 at 7pm at the Franklin County Veteran's Memorial on W. Broad to let their members know what is in the bill, how the bill will effect them and where we are and where we are going from here. They have agreed to open this meeting up to all police and fire. So, please make sure your lodge sends a person or two to get this information. Then, take that information

from Lodge 9 and the State Lodge and share it locally.

10) The last thing you can do for now is to become an activist. You cannot think that the State Lodge, your local lodge president or the coalition is going to save your rights for you. You have to be a part of the total effort. You have to be at the Statehouse when you can. You have to be emailing and calling. You have to be organizing. You have to be calling local talk radio and defending our positions. You have to speaking to your elected officials, specifically your House reps; you have to be engaged. Your participation is mandatory. We cannot be successful, in the House or at the ballot, without your involvement.

If this goes to the ballot, we will be outspent by huge margins. We cannot raise or spend enough money to level the playing field. We will have to win because of "people power." We will win because you will outwork your opponents. We will win because you will do whatever it takes to push our message forward.

None of us, none of our co-workers, none of the brothers and sisters in the neighboring agencies can afford to sit this campaign out. This is our chance. It is now and we cannot wait. Please spread the word to everyone you know.

We are in this together, I will be in this fight every day and I need you by my side. Together, we will get it done.

United we stand; Divided we fall.

Jay McDonald