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## **Pay Up - Or be Fired**

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Big Labor believes it should have the power to force Iowa workers to pay union dues or fees -- or be fired.

In attacking our state Right to Work law, that's exactly what Big Labor's Washington lobbying machine is doing.

Iowa's Right to Work law gives employees the right to choose whether or not they want to join a union and pay dues.

In fact, 80% of Americans agree that no worker should be forced to pay union dues or "fees" just to get a job.

Pro-Right to Work Iowans understand that Right to Work protections are an invaluable tool for rank-and-file workers.

Of course, the last thing union officials want are checks on their power which is why they're going all out to repeal our law.

This year, with union-label Democrat control of both houses of the Iowa General Assembly -- and the Governor --

Of course, with such a popular law, the forced-unionism lobby knows that to have any chance of ending it, they need to pass a law that is even more popular.

First, it's essential to understand that Big Labor's entire argument for repealing Right to Work in Iowa rests on the fact that unions have a monopoly bargaining power.

The fact is, instead of representing only their own voluntary members, an option they are given under federal law, unions have a monopoly bargaining power.

By exercising this monopoly bargaining power, individual workers are forbidden to represent themselves.

Unfortunately, after exercising monopoly bargaining power, the union bosses then turn around and falsely claim that they are representing the workers.

In actuality, forcing workers to pay dues to a union that they do not wish to be represented by is like being forced to pay for a service you do not want.

Every election cycle, union officials take full advantage of their forced-dues special privileges, spending the money on anything they want.

Study after study shows that Right to Work states far outpace forced-unionism states when it comes to economic growth and job creation.

If Iowa's Right to Work law is repealed, Big Labor bosses will simply sit back and enjoy their free ride on the backs of the workers.

Unless we can convince the General Assembly to stand up and stop Big Labor's assault on Iowa's Right to Work law, the workers will continue to be exploited.