

Why We Need to Fight for the EFCA Now

With Congress heading towards the end of its session, and the chance of another vote on the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) unlikely this year, locals may be asking: why we are doing a petition action now?

The answer is that we are gearing up for a huge fight early next year when a new President and Congress come to town. We are optimistic that the anti-worker environment that has characterized President Bush's term in office will end, and the new President will be one that values and respects America's middle class and its working families.

But, even with the possibility of a pro-worker President and Congress that may enact the Employee Free Choice Act, there are absolutely no guarantees. What is certain is that big business and their anti-union allies are unleashing anti-union campaigns, sending mass numbers of lobbyists to Capitol Hill to spread misinformation about the EFCA and working overtime to try and keep us down.

Unions are Gearing Up for the Fight

The petition action isn't just taking place within the Steelworkers. This is a labor-wide push, with other unions across the country getting member's signatures just like we are. Other non-union groups are also taking part in the action. It will take all of us to get this bill passed.

We're Off to a Great Start

Nearly a hundred locals have already sent in petitions. The USW has always led the way on the Employee Free Choice Act, and we need to do so in this action as well.

If you've gotten all your members signed up, please sign up your family too. If the Employee Free Choice Act is passed into law, there will be benefits for all workers. Union members fight for wages, benefits and policies that set the standard for and improve the lives of all workers, union and non-union alike. Please take action today!

For the Rapid Response Action Call & Petition, contact the Rapid Response office at 412-562-2291 (English & Spanish available).

Note: The petition now includes a fax number for ease in returning them once they are complete.