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### Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) Spreading Lies About Right to Work Laws

*Rep. Sherman circulates memo to remove a workers' right to choose unionization*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) circulated a memo to his Democrat colleagues urging them to support a federal bill that will abolish 22 state's right to work laws.

Right to Work laws are statutes enforced in twenty-two states, allowed under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, which prohibit unions from making membership and payment of dues a condition of employment.

AWF Executive Director Brian Johnson says, **“Right to work laws are essential to protecting the Constitutional right to freedom of association, as well as the common-law principle of private property ownership with regard to forcing workers to relinquish part of their paycheck to an external entity as a condition of employment.”**

In his memo, Rep. Sherman states “This [Right to Work laws] forces unions to use their time and members' dues to provide benefits to free riders who are exempt from paying their fair share.”

**“Workers should be free to refrain from becoming part of an external organization, without being forced to do so merely by working in a state that does not have right to work laws. The forced payment of union dues as a condition of employment directly interferes with an open and free market labor model and is counterproductive to sustain an open and prosperous society. Rep. Sherman is simply trying to force every worker to pay these dues – even if they have no interest in joining a union and could care less about being ‘covered’ by union provisions. This is as anti-worker and pro-union as it gets!”**

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