

**From: The Honorable Brad Sherman**

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## **Help Eliminate Unfair Labor Laws: Give Unions a Fair Deal**

Dear Colleague:

I write to encourage you to join me and become a cosponsor of legislation that eliminates so-called “right to work” laws.

These laws strip unions of their legitimate ability to collect dues, even when the worker is covered by a union-negotiated collective bargaining agreement. This forces unions to use their time and members’ dues to provide benefits to free riders who are exempt from paying their fair share.

In 1947, Section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act stripped the Federal government of its role in protecting the American workers’ right to freedom of association by allowing states to pass legislation that eliminates the ability of unions to collect dues from their members. The result is a confusing web of labor laws that encourages a race to the bottom.

These so called “right to work” laws have come to be known as “right to work for less”, because employees in states with these laws average about \$5,333 a year less than workers in labor rights states.

“Right to work” laws create different standards for union membership in different states. This results not only in confusion over the regulation of union membership, but also places a higher cost on worker representation in labor rights states.

Join me in putting an end to these unnecessary restrictions. Please contact John Brodtke of my staff at [John.Brodtke@mail.house.gov](mailto:John.Brodtke@mail.house.gov) if you would like to be added as a cosponsor.

Sincerely,

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