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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

DOES THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAVE OUR BACKS?

THE PA CONFERENCE DOES NOT THINK SO

In their most recent ruling today, June 18, 2018, the Supreme Court sidestepped a decision on when partisan gerrymandering goes too far, ruling against the challengers of a Republican-drawn map in Wisconsin and a Democratic redistricting in Maryland. The decisions in the separate cases once again puts off a decision on when courts can find that partisan efforts to keep parties in power goes so far as to be unconstitutional. It was a technical resolution of what has seemed to hold the promise of being a landmark decision about whether extreme efforts to give one party advantage over another were unconstitutional.

“Today’s decision is yet another delay in providing voters with the power they deserve in our democracy,” said Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. “Partisan gerrymandering is distorting and undermining our representative democracy, giving politicians the power to choose their voters, instead of giving voters the power to choose their politicians. We are disappointed that the Court failed to set a standard when it comes to partisan gerrymandering.”

Gerrymandering in PA has helped create an anti-labor movement in the Commonwealth by keeping anti-labor Congressional Representatives in power that are not labor friendly.

Previously, the Supreme Court sided with employers in class action arbitration cases. This was a victory for employers and the Trump administration, the Supreme Court on said that employers could block employees from banding together as a class to fight legal disputes in employment arbitration agreements. Failure to elect labor friendly congressional leaders has led to the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch. “Right-to-Work National legislation is still on the front burner for the US and Pennsylvania.

The PA Governor’s Race isn’t about guns, party affiliation, or who you supported in prior elections. This race is about survival of your union and your continued protection and benefits under your collective bargaining agreement. Failure to scrutinize the two candidates, Tom Wolf and Scott Wagner, and determine which of these two candidates truly has your back, may be the last mistake you make as a union worker. We can no longer keep making the same mistakes in the way we vote, it gave us Justice Neil Gorsuch. Our future and the future of you children and grandchildren are at stake and depend on you making the right choice at the ballot box in this November’s election and all future elections.