



Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

Elections Do Have Consequences

Don Lemon from CNN© pointed out that only 80 thousand people in three states (Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania) decided the 2016 Presidential Election. Although President Trump lost the popular vote he prevailed in the Electoral College thus giving him the election and the power to appoint US Supreme Court Justices'.

So far the consequences have been extremely disastrous for labor due to Trump's Supreme Court appointment of Neil Gorsuch. Furthermore, with the pending retirement of Justice Kennedy labor may well be dealt more devastating blows if another Neil Gorsuch-like Justice is placed on the bench.

How have the results of the election and appointment to the Supreme Court affected labor so far:

- Supreme Court rules in favor of Janus, thus dealing a major blow to labor
- Supreme Court upheld Ohio law on purging voter rolls
- Supreme Court upheld most disputed maps in Texas Gerrymandering case
- Supreme Court upheld that employers can restrict workers' ability to band together to pursue legal claims on matters such as wages, age discrimination, sexual harassment and other workplace issues. Plaintiffs, in the case, argued that the National Labor Relations Act protected their right to join together to pursue legal action. But the court ruled in favor of employers, stating that the NLRA doesn't prohibit these restrictions.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE A CHECK AND BALANCE TO ENSURE NO ONE PARTY CONTROLS ALL THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT MAY WELL BE THE FINAL BLOW TO LABOR. THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS WILL BE CRITICAL TO LABORS SURVIVAL.

It is imperative to make sure members are registered to vote and vote for labor friendly and labor endorsed candidates. Members' wages, benefits, contract and union are on the line.

See page two for the PA Gubernatorial Candidates statement on the "Janus vs. AFSCME"

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GUNS & PARTY AFFILIATION ARE NOT WHAT THE 2018 PA GOVERNOR'S RACE WILL BE ABOUT. IT WILL BE ABOUT YOUR PAYCHECK, YOUR BENEFITS AND THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR UNION

CANDIDATES STATEMENT ON THE JANUS DECISION

SUPPORTED BY LABOR



GOVERNOR WOLF

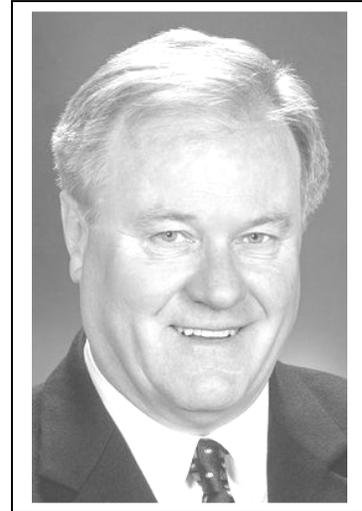
“The Court’s decision is a major step backward for working families and the middle class. For generations, unions in our country have fought for and won protections we all enjoy, including the 40-hour work week, weekends, paid time off, and improved conditions for those who are trying to make ends meet.

“When people can come together and use their voices, we all benefit. And when workers are silenced, families pay the price and the economy becomes more rigged for the rich and powerful.

“This case was driven by special interests trying to maximize their own profit at the expense of families, and the Court’s ruling is just the latest effort to deny workers the dignity and respect they deserve.

“Here in Pennsylvania, I will continue to focus on creating good-paying jobs and growing our economy. Protecting the rights of those who work hard, every day, to get ahead, is integral to achieving our collective goals.”

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SCOTT WAGNER

“Today’s Supreme Court decision is a huge step forward empowering workers and putting more money in the paychecks of public employees, for them to do what they want with it, not what union bosses want. With this precedent now in place, as governor, I will be able to make the necessary reforms to ensure that more Pennsylvanians can find jobs, they can be compensated fairly for them, and we can make reforms to the public education system we need. If Tom Wolf and the public sector **union bosses** are really committed to protecting and empowering workers they **should celebrate this decision** and the freedom it provides.”

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