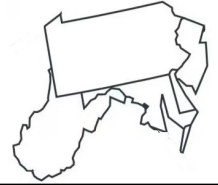




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PA Congressman **Brian Fitzpatrick** once again broke with his party's leadership and stood with working people when it counted. As House leaders pushed a slate of anti-labor bills that would have weakened overtime protections, expanded unpaid training, and redefined tipped work to the detriment of frontline workers, Fitzpatrick joined a group of moderates — including PA Republican Congressman **Rob Bresnahan** — to stop the attacks cold.

Their stand was strong enough to **kill one bill outright** and force GOP leadership to pull two more from the floor. When the dust settled, it was clear: without Fitzpatrick and a handful of worker-focused Republicans, these bills would have sailed through.

And he didn't stop there.

Fitzpatrick also endorsed the **discharge petition** to force a vote on restoring **union rights for federal workers** — a move that directly challenged party leadership and helped secure a path forward for collective bargaining rights across the federal workforce.

At a moment when too many politicians talk about supporting workers while voting the other way, Fitzpatrick chose action. He chose fairness. He chose working families.

For Teamsters across Pennsylvania and the nation, this is a reminder: when lawmakers — regardless of party — stand up for workers, **we stand up and take notice**.

Details on the Blocked Bills

- A proposal to change how work hours are calculated by excluding certain voluntary training sessions.
- A bill to change overtime calculations by excluding the value of employer-provided child or elder care benefits.
- A bill redefining "tipped employee" in ways critics said would weaken worker protections.

Supporters claimed the bills would cut red tape. But several Republicans warned the measures would **hurt workers already struggling in a volatile economy**. Rep. Riley Moore of West Virginia, drawing on his experience as a welder, said he opposed anything that could pressure workers into unpaid training.

Moderates also signaled they expect GOP leaders to pull another upcoming bill — the **Save Local Business Act**, which would narrow the definition of "joint employer." The AFL-CIO argues the bill would allow large corporations to "hide behind complex business structures."

And in a further break from party leadership, several of these same Republicans endorsed the discharge petition to force a vote on expanding union rights for federal workers.

