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Prohibiting Public Dollars Being Used to Bust Unions - PA House Bill 340

MEMORANDUM

From: [Representative Dan L. Miller](#) and [Rep. Christopher M. Rabb](#)
To: All House members
Subject: Prohibiting public dollars being used to bust unions (former HB 1047)
 Referred to [LABOR AND INDUSTRY](#), March 13, 2023

We believe that it is impossible to tell the story of Pennsylvania's economic progress and growth without the recognition of the vital role unions have played in improving workplace safety, lifting wages for all, and securing healthcare and retirement benefits for their members. But regardless of one's opinion, it is clear that the law provides that the only people who vote to create a union are those workers who make up a particular bargaining unit. These votes must be cast free from intimidation or coercion and no employer should seek to place a thumb on the scale.

Most assuredly, with our state's long and storied union history, no public or state related employer should infringe on that right and no taxpayer dollars should be used to fund anti-union activities. We trust in Pennsylvania workers to make their own decisions and believe our employers should too.

As such, our legislation would amend the Public Employee Relations Act (PERA) to prohibit public and state-related employers from spending taxpayer dollars for union avoidance or union busting services. This bill is patterned after bipartisan legislation in New Mexico. It is a small and simple change, but one that would send a strong message that we stand with our workers and support their own decision-making as to what is in the best interests for themselves, their families, and their work environment.

Contact your PA Representative and tell them to support PA House Bill 340 that prohibits public dollars being used to bust unions

