

It's Time to Take Action:

The Indiana General Assembly is Considering
Lowering Our Wages and Weakening Our Protections

*So-called right to work legislation has been introduced in the Indiana General Assembly, and it is
time to take action NOW!!!! Urgent action is needed immediately.*

Action Instructions

We are calling on all workers to send Indiana Speaker of the House Brian C. Bosma a short note urging him **not to give a hearing to any Right to Work legislation.**

Start Writing Notes NOW. Tell Speaker Bosma:

- **Right to Work is the most divisive issue that can come before the Indiana General Assembly,**
- **It won't help Indiana move forward, and**
- **He should keep it off the plate.**

Send Your Notes to:

**Speaker Brian C. Bosma
Indiana House Republicans
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

Please report any action results to USW District 7 Rapid Response Coordinator Brett Voorhies at bvoorhies@usw.org

Please see additional key points on the following page.

Here are a few facts:

Lower Wages

The average worker in a right to work state makes about \$5,538 a year less than workers in other states. Manufacturing workers make an average of \$2.17 less per hour in states with right to work legislation than they do in Indiana. Moreover, in states that have passed this legislation, 28.3 percent of jobs are in low-wage occupations, compared to 19.5 in other states.

Fewer People with Health Care

People in states with “right to work” for less laws are more likely to be uninsured (16.7 percent, compared with 13.5 percent overall; among children, it’s 10.4 percent vs. 7.5 percent). They’re less likely to have job-based health insurance than people in other states (60.1 percent, compared with 64.0 percent).

Higher Poverty and Infant Mortality Rates

Poverty rates are higher in states with “right to work” for less laws (14.5 percent overall and 20.3 percent for children), compared with poverty rates of 12.7 percent overall and 18.5 percent for children in states without these laws. The infant mortality rate is 16 percent higher in states with these laws.

Education

Students here are more likely to be at grade level in math and reading. In Indiana, 35.1 percent of 8th grade students were proficient in math in 2007 (compared with 29.6 percent states with “right to work” for less laws) and 31.1 percent were proficient in reading (compared with 28.1 percent).

More Workplace Deaths and Injuries

The rate of workplace deaths is 52.9 percent higher in states with these laws, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.