

# UNION MEMBER ALERT: **DANGER** Republicans Introduce **Right to Work Legislation!**

- Republicans reintroduce national Right to Work bill to GOP-controlled House
- The measure would ban unions from forcing non-members to pay representation fees
- GOP lawmakers expect strong support due in part to growing number of measures on state level

Republican House members reintroduced a national Right to Work bill on February 1st amid a rise of similar legislation on the state level. Labor unions have been critical of the measures.

**The National Right to Work Act** (H.R. 785) introduced by Reps. Joe Wilson (S.C.) and Steve King (Iowa) would prohibit “union security” clauses in collective bargaining agreements, which allow non-member workers to decline to pay representation fees. Similar bills have been introduced in past years but haven't moved.

Wilson and King voiced optimism that the legislation could gain more support than in previous years. Twenty-seven states have adopted Right to Work laws, and lawmakers in Missouri and New Hampshire are considering measures.

“Similar legislation has been introduced in the past, but we believe that this year, the legislation could garner more support than ever before, as more and more states choose to pass right to work laws,” Leacy Burke, a spokeswoman for Wilson told Bloomberg BNA February 1, 2017.

## ***Reintroduction Could Drum Up Stronger Support?***

Wilson is vice-chair of the Education and the Workforce Committee, which has been assigned the bill in the past. **The reintroduction could also gain support from President Donald Trump, who signaled support for right-to-work measures during his campaign.**

The bill's reintroduction drew the ire of several labor unions and advocates. That includes AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, who dubbed the measure “a lie dressed up in a feel-good slogan.” *Reprinted from: BNA, By Tyrone Richardson*

***“It doesn't give workers freedom— instead, it weakens our right to join together and bargain for better wages and working conditions,”***

***Richard Trumka***  
*President • AFL-CIO*

**Once passed, this legislation will negatively effect your wages, benefits and Union rights!**

***Call Washington and tell them you oppose National Right to Work legislation!***

