

# GET THE FACTS ABOUT SB 5:

**X SB 5 Weakens Collective Bargaining Rights.** SB

5 weakens the collective bargaining rights of 360,000 workers, including police officers, teachers, nurses and prison guards. It takes away their ability to negotiate for things like health care, retirement benefits and sick time. (The Columbus Dispatch, 3/31/11; The Plain Dealer, 3/20/11)

**X It Makes Our Communities Less Safe.** Nurses,

police officers, firefighters and prison guards could lose their ability to negotiate for safer staffing ratios and better equipment, putting the safety of our families at risk. (Innovation Ohio, 3/3/11; The Plain Dealer, 4/3/11)

**X It Threatens the Quality of Our Schools.** SB 5 prohibits school districts from

negotiating with teachers for smaller class sizes, threatening the quality of education in Ohio. It also ties salaries to test scores, forcing teachers to focus more on testing than providing the best education possible for our kids. (The Plain Dealer, 3/20/11; 4/3/11)

**X It Means Layoffs, Fines and Jail Time for Striking Workers.** SB 5 bans

all public employees from striking and establishes steep penalties if they do, including losing their job or facing steep fines. If workers strike when a court has issued an injunction, they could face \$1,000 in fines, up to 30 days in jail or both. (Associated Press, 3/2/11)



Now is the time for working families to stand together, to use our strength in numbers and to restore the balance of power in Ohio.

**X It's time to repeal SB 5.**



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For more information and to find out how you can get involved in the fight to repeal SB 5, contact Cincinnati Federation of Teachers at 513-961-2272 or the Ohio AFL-CIO at 614-224-8271.