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This year, the Ohio State Legislature passed **Senate Bill 5** that restricts collective bargaining rights for public employees. Over 1.3 million Ohioans signed petitions to place it on the ballot for a citizens' veto. On November 8th, **voters can repeal Senate Bill 5 by voting NO on Issue 2.**

Issue 2 will not fix what's wrong with Ohio's economy. Issue 2 is unsafe, unfair and will hurt Ohio's middle class families. **Before you vote, get the facts on Issue 2.**

MYTH: Issue 2 will help balance the budget and stimulate job growth.

FACT: Issue 2 destroys jobs and lowers wages. Issue 2 and Gov. Kasich's budget will cause Ohio to lose 51,000 jobs. These lost jobs will mean fewer police officers patrolling our streets, fewer firefighters and paramedics responding to emergencies and fewer teachers in front of already overcrowded classrooms.

MYTH: Public employees are overpaid and their salaries need to be brought in line with the private sector.

FACT: A recent Rutgers University study found Ohio public employees earn 6 percent less on a yearly basis than their peers in the private sector. They earn 3.5% less on an hourly basis. The average Ohio public school employee earns \$24,000 per year and retires with an average pension of \$900 a month. Ohio's public employees do not pay into or receive Social Security.

MYTH: Ohio's public employees need to make a sacrifice to reduce the state's budget gap.

FACT: Ohio's firefighters, police, nurses, teachers and children services caseworkers have taken pay freezes, increased health care costs and accepted unpaid furlough days saving taxpayers over \$350 million dollars. Meanwhile, politicians in Columbus have increased staff and upper management pay up to 33% this year and approved over \$100 million dollars in tax giveaways to their corporate campaign contributors.

MYTH: Putting limits on collective bargaining rights is needed to help managers do their jobs.

FACT: Issue 2 puts all our families' safety at risk. It makes it harder for emergency responders, police and firefighters to collectively bargain for critical safety equipment and training that protects us all. Issue 2 makes it illegal for teachers and other school employees to negotiate for smaller class sizes and on school safety issues such as security staff in schools, strong discipline policies, safe school buses and the removal of asbestos.

MYTH: Public employees have too much power and influence over budget decisions.

FACT: Issue 2 limits the voices of our children's teachers, our communities' nurses, and the police officers and firefighters who keep us all safe in our neighborhoods. These are exactly the kind of dedicated experts we need to have a strong voice in our state's future. Taking away the ability of these trusted public employees to speak out about needed equipment, hospital staffing or school safety is irresponsible and hurts us all.



Use your citizen's veto—
**Vote NO on ISSUE 2
TO REPEAL SB 5**

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