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## **Citizens to Veto SB 5, Protect Ohio By Overturning Harmful Law**

A massive effort is underway by citizens all across Ohio to overturn the harmful Senate Bill 5 even before Gov. Kasich signs it into law this evening. Ohioans will make a difference by overturning this unfair attack on workers' rights with a citizen veto in November through a referendum.

"The people of Ohio are on our side and we believe the citizens will veto SB 5 in November," said Ohio Federation of Teachers President Sue Taylor.

The outpouring of opposition from the general public in recent weeks has been massive and impressive. We have witnessed demonstrations at the Statehouse and in city after city across Ohio with workers, community groups, faith groups, parents, neighbors and small business owners. There is a growing groundswell of opposition to SB 5 because voters understand this is an all-out unfair attack on workers' rights that will harm families and cause our communities to crumble.

SB 5 represents an attack on all working Ohioans, public or private. It silences the important voice workers need to exercise on the job in matters of safety and professional decisions.

It will harm families and communities across Ohio. When people lose their jobs or suffer reduced wages, they cannot support their families, or spend money in small businesses in their community. This bill will cause widespread harm to Ohioans in an already fragile economy.

"SB 5 attacks the people who make a difference in our lives every day," Taylor said. "Police officers, firefighters, teachers, children services social workers, nurses, corrections officers and numerous others spend their careers saving people, helping people, healing people. They make our communities stronger. Ohio should celebrate them, not denigrate them."

Opposition to this unfair attack on workers' rights is bipartisan - both Democrats and Republicans voted no and both Democrat and Republican citizens have raised their voices to say NO to SB 5. Support for this unnecessary bill comes from a core group of ultra-extreme, anti-working family Republicans who are out of touch with voters and who seek to divide citizens and polarize Ohio.

House and Senate Republicans are being driven by a national anti-workers' rights agenda and they are being manipulated by their master puppeteer, Gov. John Kasich.

Voters understand SB 5 does not create one job. SB 5 harms working people and prevents working people from realizing the American Dream of having financial stability as part of the middle class.

Approval ratings illustrate that citizens understand well that Gov. Kasich is doing Ohio wrong. Citizens will overturn SB 5 to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors.

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