



REPEAL SB 5

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We Are Ohio Dismisses Back Room Deal Tactics, Remains Committed to Repeal SB 5

Columbus- Today at a press conference at Fire Station #1 in Columbus, We Are Ohio was joined by supporters to dismiss the backroom tactics of those supporting SB 5, which is unfair, unsafe and hurts all of us.

“The fact that Governor Kasich would now ask for a backroom deal, while the legislature isn’t even in session, is insulting,” said Melissa Fazekas, spokeswoman for We Are Ohio. “When the law was being debated, he wouldn’t let many of our teachers, nurses, police officers and firefighters testify in public against this law. We didn’t want to pursue the citizen’s veto, it wasn’t our first choice.

Hardworking Ohioans have sacrificed wages and benefits and tried to convince the governor that this was a flawed law that goes too far. But now it’s too late. We recognize our huge responsibility to our more than 1.3 million supporters who placed Issue 2 on the ballot and we need to let the voters decide. We will not let the politicians and lobbyists thwart the will of the people.”

We Are Ohio is a citizen-driven, community-based, bipartisan coalition that has come together to repeal SB 5, the unfair attack on employee rights and worker safety. We Are Ohio includes public and private sector workers and employees, police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses, pastors, small business owners, Republicans and Democrats, local elected officials and business leaders, students, Moms, Dads, family members, and your neighbors.