

**We Are Ohio thrilled to get green light to gather signatures to fight unfair attack on employee rights and worker safety**

COLUMBUS - We Are Ohio is thrilled that the ballot language to repeal Senate Bill 5 has been approved and the signatures have been verified.

We Are Ohio is pleased and grateful to the hard working volunteers who helped collect these signatures shortly after this unfair attack on employee rights and worker safety was signed into law.

"I'm very excited because lots of people are eager to get moving. We've had scores of people contacting We Are Ohio groups asking for petitions and supporting groups. Now we can begin the process of delivering these petitions and gathering signatures," said We Are Ohio board member Mike Weinman.

As soon as possible, We Are Ohio will begin circulating petitions to collect 231,149 valid signatures in at least 44 of the state's 88 counties. We will have thousands of volunteer circulators, which is unprecedented in Ohio history. Ohioans are not only asking We Are Ohio where do I sign the petition, but how do I circulate a petition.

"We live in a democracy. SB 5 is unfair. It went through the legislative process, but there was bipartisan, Republican and Democrat, opposition to this unfair law. This unfair law does not represent the voice of the people of Ohio. A majority of Ohioans do not support SB 5, the unfair attack on employee rights and worker safety, and this will finally give them a chance to put this on the ballot and let their voices be heard," Weinman said.

Senate Bill 5 does not create one job and will lead to fewer teachers, firefighters, police officers, nurses and others in local communities. Small businesses that depend on these workers as customers could be forced to lay off workers or potentially close their doors.

We Are Ohio is fueled by a citizen-driven, broad-based coalition of Republicans, Democrats, Independents, businesses, pastors, workers, employees, and others. Ohioans are eager to begin collecting signatures.