President’s Letter to Members

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Dear [member name],

Big corporations, politicians and wealthy interests have rigged our economy and our politics against working people for decades. They have robbed Americans of the freedom to earn a decent living and retire with dignity, take a loved one to the doctor or attend a parent-teacher conference without fear of losing a job. And they’ll do whatever it takes to keep rigging the system in their favor – like the Koch-backed case *Janus v. AFSCME* that strikes at the freedom of people to come together in strong unions.

Now, these same forces have turned their attention to busting our local union. You may have already seen a union-busting field agent at your door or received a “cold call” from someone urging you to drop your membership. These are just a few of the union-busting tactics we expect. When you do speak with one of their field agents, we encourage you to tell them you stand with your co-workers and your students, NOT with big-money interests. Then, after they leave empty-handed, let us know who contacted you. Call **[LOCAL PHONE NUMBER]**and keep us informed what the union busters are up to. You can also visit [www.ReportAUnionBuster.com](http://www.ReportAUnionBuster.com) to make a report.

It’s time to stand up against union busters like the DeVoses and Koch brothers! When working people have the freedom to come together in strong unions, we have the power in numbers we need to negotiate a fair return on our work. We lift up our families, support students, make improvements on the job, and win the services our communities need to be safe and to prosper. And we use our collective voice to advocate for policies that benefit all working people – like increases to the minimum wage, affordable healthcare, and great public schools.

Your union **[steward, building representative]** will be hosting two 10-minute meetings at your worksite over the next two weeks. They will contact you with the exact times and location. Please make every effort to attend one of the meetings, where you’ll receive crucial information on who is behind the union-busting tactics we are facing and what we are doing to fight them and win.

In Solidarity,

[Signature]

I’m busting [state your issues], not my union! [***\*Example: I’m busting racism, classism, and sexism, not my union! ]***

P.S.: If you were already contacted and felt like you were misled into dropping your membership, don’t worry, you are not alone! Their field agents are trained to convince people to drop their membership without revealing their true agenda. But it is easy for you to come back and stand with your co-workers. Go to **[local union website]** or speak with your **[steward/building rep]**to rejoin your co-workers and stand up for your students and public education.