



Right-to-Work raises its ugly head in Ohio - again. This time disguised as something called the “Work Place Freedom Act”.

The anti-worker law was put forward in a surprise move by a pair of Ohio’s extremist tea party Republicans.

After soundly defeating similar legislation, SB5, in 2011, AFSCME and Ohio’s unions are ready to lead another fight to defend the middle class and working families.



With more than 300 unionists on hand for an Ohio AFL-CIO lobby day devoted to advocating for Medicaid expansion and aid to local governments and education, Council 8, OCSEA, and OAPSE members joined Ohio AFL-CIO members for a noisy demonstration outside the Statehouse which grabbed media attention and stole the thunder from a Republican “work-place-freedom” press conference scheduled for an hour later.

“Ohioans weighed in on this two years ago. They clearly said workers have a right to a voice on the job by soundly rejecting SB5 - by an 86 percent margin in some areas of the state,” said Council 8 President John Lyall.

Lyall said AFSCME members should tool-up for the coming fight by attending urgent member meetings now being held across Ohio. [\[click here for info\]](#) “The game is on and we need our families, friends and allies all on the same team to win this fight. This is not a labor issue, it’s a community issue that affects everyone,” he said.

Unlike SB5, so-called work-place-freedom is a three-pronged attack, with separate bills for private and public sector workers, and companion motion to put the issue on the fall ballot.