



MCO, OTHER SEIU LOCALS, FILE RTW LAWSUITS *Meanwhile, MCO's RTW education campaign is in full swing*

Several challenges to Michigan's new Right to Work laws are now winding their way through the courts.

MCO is a party in a lawsuit filed last week with the state Court of Appeals. MCO and other plaintiffs say the Right to Work law for state classified workers violates the Michigan Constitution. The suit asks that negotiated "fair share" agreements remain in effect.

Also, SEIU and other unions filed a suit last week in federal court in Detroit, claiming the law affecting the private sector violates the U.S. Constitution.

Another lawsuit was filed Feb. 7 in Ingham County Circuit Court, but was dismissed days later. A judge said challenges to state laws must be filed with the state Court of Appeals.

And the suit requesting the laws not go into effect next month still has life. The MEA, a few democratic lawmakers and other plaintiffs say public officials violated the Open Meetings Act when they locked the Capitol Dec. 6 while

legislators took up Right to Work.

Remember, Gov. Snyder asked the Michigan Supreme Court in late January to examine the laws and give an opinion on whether Right to Work applies to state classified employees.

So what is MCO doing?

- MCO is continuing its RTW education meetings around the state to answer members' and fee payers' questions. Watch your bulletin board and KYIs for details.

- MCO has created a Right to Work education page, where you can find explanatory articles to help you understand RTW laws. Find it on our homepage, mco-seiu.org. We'll update this page frequently with articles, video clips and other items.

- Take the We Are MCO pledge today! By signing, you're standing up to anti-worker politicians who try to silence our voice and destroy our rights on the job. By signing, you're saying you'll stick with your union for the good of working people throughout

RTW meeting schedule

Members and fee payers are invited to attend these upcoming RTW meetings:

- Feb. 22, One Ministries (formerly Elks Lodge) in Jackson. Meeting is for Parnall.
- Feb. 25, same location. Meeting is for Cooper Street.
- Feb. 26, same location. Meeting is for Cotton and Egeler.

Meetings start before or after each shift. See your chapter leaders for exact times. MCO will announce more meeting dates as they approach.

Michigan. You can find the We Are MCO pledge form in the upper right corner of our website.

- Sign up to get text message alerts about RTW and other topics from MCO. Text the word "MCO" to "787753" to start.

GUN MEASURE REVIVED

Rep. Joel Johnson (R-Clare) has introduced a bill to allow current and retired corrections officers to carry concealed weapons in gun-free zones.

House Bill 4133 hasn't come up for a vote or hearing yet.

You may recall a similar bill was introduced last year but was vetoed after being wrapped into a broader bill.

Johnson has MCO's full support on this bill.

We'll keep you posted on the progress of this proposed legislation. In the meantime, you can contact your lawmakers to show your support.

Winter deals online now!

Have you checked out our member discounts lately?

Find deals on sports events, hotels, car services and more at <http://www.mco-seiu.org/uniontools/discounts>. Check back frequently – we're adding new offers all the time.

Here are a few specials you'll find on the website now:

- Save 30% off the best available rate at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse

City. Offer valid Sunday-Thursday now through March 28. Reservations must be booked by Feb. 28.

- Red Wings Law Enforcement Appreciation Night is Saturday, Feb. 23. \$10 from each ticket goes to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Tickets start at \$45.

- MCO members can get discounted tickets for Red Wings games March 5, 7, 10, and 20. Other dates this season could be announced.