



House Democratic Caucus

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Democrats Deliver 65,000 Petitions Opposing Senate Bill 5

Boxes filled with signatures delivered to committee hearing legislation to strip workers of bargaining rights

COLUMBUS – Ohio House Democrats today delivered petitions with over 65,000 signatures of Ohio citizens opposed to Senate Bill 5, legislation which would take away the rights of middle class workers by virtually eliminating collective bargaining. The signatures were taken to the members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee at the start of today’s hearing on the bill.

“These 65,000 signatures represent thousands of Ohioans who oppose Senate Bill 5 and what it will do to working families and Ohio’s economy,” said Rep. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights), Ranking Minority Member on the Commerce and Labor Committee. “These are the names of Ohioans who couldn’t be here today, but still want this committee to know that they do not support the rights of workers being taken away.”

The petitions were loaded in boxes and wheeled into the committee room for members to examine. Committee Chair Joseph Uecker (R-Miami Township) quickly ordered that the documents be removed and taken to his office. Rep. Robert F. Hagan (D-Youngstown), also a member of the committee, challenged Rep. Uecker to read the petitions and consider the objections of tens of thousands of Ohio workers.