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Right to Work Bills Signed by Snyder



On December 11, 2012, over 12,000 union members descended on the Capitol Building to voice their opposition to so called "Right-to-Work" legislation that was being voted on that day in the Michigan Legislature. In the House, the substitute for HB 4003 passed 58-51 and is the public sector Right to Work bill. The House also passed the substitute for SB 116 on a 58-52 vote which is the private sector bill. A call for reconsideration of this vote was registered but withdrawn in private without notice to the House chamber so both Bills went to Governor Snyder. He signed them in private. The law will become effective March 27, 2013

unless court action prohibits its implementation.

Photos of the rally are on our Flickr site. This can be viewed at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/54989632@N05/sets/72157632219894695/>

More photos of the rally are available courtesy of Brian Oelberg, SEIU Local 1989 in Maine at:

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/109208699154958684957/albums/5821059320775837681>

Silent Protests to Right to Work Held Across Michigan



A day after Right to Work was forced on Michigan without public input, silent protests occurred across the state. In Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Saginaw, union members and supporters stood silently with their mouths taped to protest the lack of public input to the Right to Work bills and the fact their voice on the job had been silenced. Photos and press coverage can be viewed at:

<http://www.seiu517m.org/2012/12/12/silent-protests-against-right-to-work/>

[work/](http://www.seiu517m.org/2012/12/12/silent-protests-against-right-to-work/)

Interested in a Call to Action?

Events such as the Silent Protests mentioned above, protesting the Governor at the Michigan State Graduation ceremony, and the giant anti-Right to Work protest on December 11th was accomplished by a coalition group known as We Are Michigan. If you are interested in participating in events such as these, please visit their website at <http://wearemichigan.org> and see what is being planned.

Members Only Benefit - 2013 SEIU Scholarships Now Available

Through five different scholarship programs, SEIU awards 53 scholarships that enable SEIU members and their children to pursue their educational goals at accredited colleges, universities, and technical schools.

SEIU scholarships are open to SEIU members or their children. To be eligible to apply for any SEIU scholarship, membership must be for three continuous years as of September 1, 2013. All awards must be for the academic year(s) awarded. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to the sex, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability of any applicant. Scholarship awards are limited to one per household. Applications must be filed online by midnight March 1, 2013 or postmarked March 1, 2013.

Online Applications and information: <http://www.seiu.org/a/members/fulfill-your-college-goals-with-an-seiu-scholarship.php>

2013 SEIU Local 517M Calendars Now Available

Click on the link to download the state employee or school and local government 2013 calendars.

State Employee Calendar: <http://www.seiu517m.org/files/2012/10/2013calendarstate.pdf>

School and Local Government Calendar:
<http://www.seiu517m.org/files/2012/10/2013calendarslg.pdf>



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