

Dear Working Families e-Activist:

"I don't cross picket lines. I never have." With these eight words, this past weekend Sen. John Kerry illustrated the [stark difference between himself and George W. Bush](#) on workers' rights, including workers' freedom to form and join unions.

Sen. Kerry cancelled a speech at a major meeting of U.S. mayors rather than cross a picket line of firefighters and police who have been working in Boston without a contract—some as long as two years.

Unlike President Bush, Sen. Kerry strongly supports workers' freedom to form unions. Take action on these differences at the link below or keep reading.

http://www.aflcio.org/aboutunions/voiceatwork/efca_form.htm

Where do the presidential candidates stand? **Sen. Kerry is a co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act**—the most important piece of workers' rights legislation in decades—which would help stop the employer harassment and intimidation workers face when forming a union. President **Bush** hasn't taken a public stand on the legislation—but his administration is **actively working to undermine workers' unions** and stack the National Labor Relations Board with **anti-worker appointees** who have indicated their intention to **roll back workers' rights**.

Please take one minute right now to thank Sen. Kerry for his support of workers' rights—and urge President Bush to change his mind about workers' freedom to choose a union by clicking on the link below.

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Find out more about where Sen. Kerry and President Bush stand by downloading this leaflet comparing their positions on workers' freedom to choose a union (file, 400KB).

http://www.aflcio.org/aboutunions/voiceatwork/upload/candidate_comparison_color.pdf

Please share this leaflet and this e-mail with your friends, family and co-workers.

You won't be acting alone. This week, during the **Voice@Work National Workplace Week of Action** June 28-July 4, thousands of people will reclaim Independence Day and demand that we restore workers' freedom to form unions and bargain collectively in America.

Today, workers have lost this right in America's workplaces. In fact, workers who attempt to form unions in the private sector are illegally fired in 25 percent of union election campaigns. **The Employee Free Choice Act would remove many of the obstacles workers currently face.**

Please stand in solidarity on this important issue and take action right now at the link below.

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Everyone suffers when workers lose the freedom to form unions. The Employee Free Choice Act

would allow workers to form a union through a majority verification process, allow employees to seek mediation and arbitration in securing a first contract and increase penalties against employers that violate the law.

Thanks for all you do.

In solidarity,

Working Families e-Activist Network, AFL-CIO
June 29, 2004

P.S. Don't forget to **download a leaflet** showing the differences between Sen. Kerry and President Bush on workers' freedom to choose a union by clicking on the link below (file, 400 KB).
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