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WFI Responds To Supreme Court Ruling Rejecting Forced Unionization Of In-Home Workers

Washington, D.C. (June 30, 2014) – The Workforce Fairness Institute (WFI) today responded to the decision reached by the U.S. Supreme Court in Harris versus Quinn finding that in-home workers in the state of Illinois cannot be forced to pay union dues:

“As Big Labor bosses have grown more and more desperate, they have sought out politicians whose campaigns they bankroll to do their bidding and force individuals into unions whether or not they want to join. The Harris versus Quinn case showed how labor bosses in Illinois along with a corrupt and now-jailed former governor forced private citizens into unions,” said Fred Wszolek, spokesperson for the Workforce Fairness Institute (WFI). “Today’s ruling by the Supreme Court guarantees that politicians and union bosses can no longer force individuals caring for disabled relatives to pay union dues delivering a victory for American families and a loss for Big Labor bosses. In the past several days, the highest court in our nation has sent an unmistakable message to the politicians focused on carrying water for union bosses: we will restrain the giveaways to special interests, and stand up for the law and rights of Americans.”

BACKGROUND:

U.S. Supreme Court Opposes Forced Unionization Of In-Home Workers. “The Supreme Court ruled Monday in Harris v. Quinn that politicians can no longer force family members caring for disabled relatives into public sector unions. In a 5-4 ruling, the court found the state of Illinois violated the constitution when imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich agreed to funnel a portion of home healthcare worker checks to political allies SEIU and AFSCME. The unions collected more than \$50 million from about 20,000 such people over a five-year period. The decision, authored by Samuel Alito, did not completely limit the ability of public sector unions to collect dues from employees who do not want to join unions. However, the court recognized a category of ‘partial public employees’ and ruled that fees cannot be forcefully extracted from these people.” (Bill Morris, “[Court Rules Against Public Sector Unions In Quinn V. Harris](#),” The Washington Free Beacon, 6/30/14)

The Workforce Fairness Institute is an organization committed to educating voters, employers, employees and citizens about issues affecting the workplace. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.workforcefairness.com>.

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