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The Freedom Foundation does not help workers

A decision in the [Janus v. AFSCME](#) case will be made any Monday between now and June 25. After the decision, you may hear from an organization called the Freedom Foundation that will try to get you to opt-out of your union membership. **Don't be fooled...**

Hi [REDACTED],

We are no stranger to attacks by an organization called The Freedom Foundation -- a known anti-worker group that aims to defund unions, thereby reducing our power to negotiate good living wages for you and your families.

In the past, they have requested our members' contact information, unsuccessfully challenged our political spending, and brought frivolous lawsuits against us in order to divert our attention and resources.

Indeed, the whole [Janus v. AFSCME case](#) is being pushed by organizations that directly fund the Freedom Foundation.

Many of our fellow members in other unions have reported that they have received mailers, phone calls, and in some cases knocks on the door from the Freedom Foundation. In some cases, they tell people that they are an organization that is fighting for your freedom. In other cases, they provide purposefully vague and confusing information that is designed to get you to opt-out of union membership.

Don't be fooled! The Freedom Foundation does not want to help workers! They want to break unions so that their billionaire funders can rake in more money at the expense of everyday people.

If you receive information that seems confusing, or if you have questions about your union membership and your rights, ask us!

No matter the decision in the *Janus* case, or the continued attacks from the Freedom Foundation, we will continue to stand together to advocate for what's fair and right for you and your families.

Stay Strong, Stay Union!

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