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Friend,

Have you received emails at work badgering you about your union membership? A sender calling themselves "Opt Out Today?"

Despite the clever wording in their emails, you need to know – they are NOT trying to help you. In fact, they're committed to the opposite. Their goals are defunding state government and privatizing public service jobs.

These "Opt Out Today" emails are being sent by an extremist anti-government group called The Freedom Foundation, based in Olympia, WA. **The Freedom Foundation is being paid by out-of-state billionaires trying to destroy union power in their quest to privatize government services to benefit their donors.**

These donors are ultra-wealthy operatives like the Koch brothers, on a crusade to shrink government and slash public employee pensions and benefits -- all in the name of more corporate profits.

In order to accomplish their plan, they first need to get public unions out of the way. And that's why they're emailing you at work. Unions have long stopped these profiteers from privatizing public services and destroying your pensions.

Need a little more proof? Here are real quotes from leaders of Opt Out Today/ Freedom Foundation:

They are **for** cutting your state agencies and public services.

Other than the military, "the other stuff government does is almost meaningless, or in some cases insane." - Freedom Foundation CEO, Tom McCabe

They are **for** privatizing you out of a job.

"The state and taxpayers would be better off competitively contracting (out) jobs that already exist within the private sector." - Freedom Foundation Policy Director, Amber Gunn

They are **against** your pension benefits.

"We can't afford the excessive pension benefits we've given to unions over the years." - Freedom Foundation CEO, Tom McCabe

They are **against** your paid sick leave.

"Such laws do not produce the benefits promised by supporters." - Freedom Foundation Policy Director, Maxford Nelsen

The same people from Opt Out Today emailing you propaganda about "worker freedoms" and "giving yourself a raise" are actually just trying to downsize, slash benefits and privatize government jobs. They spend a ton of money on deceptive propaganda, like the emails they send, to accomplish their goals.

Now that you know the truth about who they are, and their real agenda, we hope you'll share this crucial knowledge with a colleague.

To learn more about who is funding the Freedom Foundation/ Opt Out Today and why, click [here](#).

In solidarity,

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