

Dear Governor DeWine,

I'm writing to you today to ask for your leadership in providing immediate economic relief for Ohio's working families by placing a three-month moratorium on government union dues deductions.

Presently, tens of thousands of Ohioans are being forced to stay home from work. This includes huge swaths of our devoted public employees, most of whom are still fortunate enough to still be collecting a paycheck — short of the portion government unions continue to take for themselves.

The private sector, however, is not so lucky. As you are well aware, small businesses across our state are being forced to close their doors, unsure when — or if — they will be able to open them again. This means temporary furloughs, semi-permanent or permanent layoffs and a skyrocketing number of new unemployment filings.

Gov. DeWine, you have an opportunity to take immediate action that would provide real relief to hurting Ohioans.

Public employees in Ohio pay an average of \$800 in annual union dues. A three-month moratorium on government union dues deductions for the Buckeye State's over 300,000 public-sector union members would pump \$61 million back into the pockets of the workers who earned them and need them during this emergency.

The best part is, you could boost our state's economy by tens of millions of dollars without costing Ohio taxpayers a dime.

The Governor's work to ensure the safety of our state is vital, but I'd also like to ask for him to take a stand and be the leader on this issue as you are on many others, and help ensure the people that are keeping Ohio moving in this time of crisis are well taken care of by ordering an immediate moratorium on government union dues deductions.

Sincerely,

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