

# Senate Bill 166

Say **NO** to a bill that will silence the voices of educators, nurses, and first responders.

## What is Senate Bill 166 all about?

Senate Bill 166 prohibits public employees from voluntarily having their union dues deducted from their paychecks if those dues support advocacy work on behalf of public education. It is not just about voluntary PAC contributions.

## Senate Bill 166 is about silencing the voices of ordinary Pennsylvanians.



- ✘ This bill would prohibit dues deductions for public school employees if the amounts deducted would be used to advocate for their schools, students, and communities.
- ✘ This bill continues to allow deductions to go to insurance companies, big banks, financial companies, and other non-union organizations that engage in advocacy.
- ✘ This bill puts the interests of corporations and the wealthy ahead of ordinary Pennsylvanians.

## Under current law, public employees are: **Yes** **No**

**FREE** to decide whether to join a union



**FREE** to decide whether their dues will be deducted from their pay



**FREE** to decide whether to support their union's advocacy work



**“ Some politicians and special interest groups want to take that choice away and silence our voices. We won't be silent. We will continue to speak out for our students.”**

**– Jerry Oleksiak, PSEA President**



## Is payroll dues deduction an issue for taxpayers?

**No.** Payroll systems are highly automated. There is virtually no cost to taxpayers for payroll dues deductions.



## But what do taxpayers think of Senate Bill 166?

**They don't like it.** By a 57 percent to 32 percent margin, Pennsylvania voters oppose "legislation that would prohibit public employees from paying their union dues through direct paycheck deductions."

*(Source- Global Strategy Group poll, 2014)*



## Are there more important issues to consider?

**Yes.** Gov. Wolf and legislators need to pass the 2017-18 state budget, and deal with a \$3 billion structural deficit.



## Then why is this bill even being considered?

**To silence our voices.** A handful of out-of-state billionaires and special interest groups are attacking unions to make sure the wealthiest 1 percent continues to pocket more than the rest of us. They don't want middle-class people to come together through organizations like PSEA to speak out.



## How are they doing it?

**With money.** The Commonwealth Foundation is one of the special interest groups pushing this bill. The group sent out a letter asking wealthy donors to contribute \$10,000 to "slay Pennsylvania's Big Labor Goliath." Don't believe them when they say it is about good government.

**VOTE NO on Senate Bill 166**  
**Don't silence our voices!**