

Who's On OUR Side?

MIDTERM REPORT CARD: SEN. HERB KOHL

The AFL-CIO fights for America's working families. That comes with a responsibility to be a watchdog that keeps an eye on Congress and lets working families know who is on their side—and who is not—on key issues that affect us every day. As Congress has completed the first half of its term, we have reviewed the record of every senator and representative from Wisconsin to see where they have stood on issues that matter to working families. Working families—with the facts in hand—have the power to take back the country and make sure we are represented by leaders who are fighting for our best interests—not special interests—every day.

	FOR WORKING FAMILIES	AGAINST WORKING FAMILIES
JOBS & WAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed a trade agreement that will send jobs overseas and worsen conditions for workers [CAFTA, Vote #209, 7/28/05] • Supported increasing the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour [Vote #26, 3/7/05] • Opposed weakening wage and overtime protections for millions of workers [Vote #27, 3/7/05] • Supported spending \$286 billion to modernize our nation's transportation infrastructure, creating more than 1 million jobs protected by Davis Bacon community wage standards [Vote #220, 7/29/05] • Supported protecting earned compensation for workers when a company files for bankruptcy [Vote #32, 3/9/05] • Supported a bill that provides protections for workers to form unions [Employee Free Choice Act, S 842] 	
RETIREMENT SECURITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes privatizing Social Security and cutting guaranteed benefits [Letter to President Bush, 3/2/05] • Supported protecting retirees' promised health benefits when a company files for bankruptcy [Vote #24, 3/3/05] 	
HEALTH CARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported ensuring health care for children before giving tax cuts to the wealthy [Vote #337, 11/17/05] • Opposed slashing funds for Medicaid, which provides low-income families, children and seniors with health care [Vote #58, 3/17/05] • Supported protecting seniors from steep increases in their Medicare premiums [Vote #287, 11/3/05] 	
TAX FAIRNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported restoring taxes for millionaires in order to fund vital programs and reduce the deficit [Vote #333, 11/17/05] • Opposed a tax break for certain domestic companies that move manufacturing operations and American jobs offshore [Vote #63, 3/17/05] 	
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported increasing the amount of Pell Grants so middle-class families can afford to send students to college [Vote #268, 10/25/05] 	