



McCain WILL NOT PROTECT OUR RIGHTS

Sen. John McCain is clearly not a fan of workers' freedom to form unions and bargain for better wages and benefits. He has spoken out against unions and consistently voted against collective bargaining rights for workers. Union members know the right to bargain is essential to preserving good jobs with good wages and benefits.

McCain DOESN'T LIKE UNIONS

McCain: Unions Have Played 'Important Role' But Have 'Serious Excesses.' When asked if unions are good for America, McCain responded, "I think the unions have played a very important role in the history of this country to improve the plight and conditions of laboring Americans. I think that like many other monopolies, in some cases they have then serious excesses." (GOP Dearborn Debate, MSNBC, 10/9/07)

- **McCain: Teachers Unions Serve Unions' Interest, NOT Children's Interest.** McCain has repeatedly attacked teachers unions. "It's time to break the grip of the education monopoly that serves the union bosses at the expense of our children," he said. (*The New York Times*, 2/11/00)

McCain Says Government Workers Are 'Crippled' by Union Contracts. In his speech to the Oklahoma state legislature, McCain said, "We must streamline our workforce, demand high standards of behavior, promote excellence at every level based on merit and accountability, and not let good workers be crippled

by the fine print of the latest union contract.... The civil service has strayed from its reformist roots and has mutated into a no-accountability zone, where employment is treated as an entitlement, good performance as an option, and accountability as someone else's problem." (Address to the Oklahoma state legislature, 5/21/07)

McCain OPPOSES OUR FREEDOM TO FORM UNIONS

McCain Voted Against the Employee Free Choice Act but for a National 'Right to Work' for Less Law. McCain voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would level the playing field for workers trying to form unions. He voted for a national "right to work" for less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether. (H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; S. 1788 Vote 188, 7/10/96)

McCain Crossed a Writers Guild Picket Line to Appear on 'The Tonight Show.' McCain crossed the picket line of the Writers Guild of America to appear on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." (Think Progress, accessed 2/27/08)

McCain Voted to Allow Employers to Hire Permanent Replacements During a Strike. McCain voted against ending debate on a bill that would bar employers from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers. (S. 55, Vote 189, 7/13/94)

Against Giving Firefighters and Police a Voice on the Job. Firefighters and police risk their lives every day to protect the public, yet McCain voted to deny them the right to discuss workplace issues with their

employer in 2001 and skipped a vote on the issue in 2008. (H.R. 3061, Vote 323, 11/6/01; S. 2123, 10/1/07; H.R. 980, Vote 126, 5/13/08)

McCain Voted Against Collective Bargaining Rights for TSA Screeners. McCain voted against a measure to grant Transportation Security Administration (TSA) airport screeners limited collective bargaining rights. The measure would not have allowed them to strike or negotiate for higher pay. (S. 4, Vote 64, 3/7/07)

McCain Has a 17 Percent Lifetime AFL-CIO Rating. (AFL-CIO McCain Congressional Scorecard)