

ACTION ALERT

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS OPPOSE SENATE BILL 7
Politicians don't trust public employees to make their own financial decisions.

If passed, SB7 will establish a ridiculous, time consuming, repetitive process intended to make it cumbersome for public employees to join any organization that works on their behalf for better wages and working conditions. It will prohibit the use of payroll deductions to make contributions to political action committees that work to elect officials who support public educators, not belittle them.

- ✓ We trust our public sector employees to protect, feed, care for, and educate our children. We trust them to keep our communities safe and be there in emergencies. But Kentucky politicians don't think they're responsible enough to decide where their paycheck goes.
- ✓ Senate Bill 7 would make it more difficult for educators and first responders to be a part of their respective professional organizations by requiring them to directly involve their employer in their choice, make the choice in writing, and confirm the decision in writing a second time. Why is any of that necessary? Who are they really protecting here? Ironically, this divisive, insulting, bill was filed the very same day some members of the senate held a press conference to talk about the need for more civility and less divisiveness in Kentucky politics. This kind of overreach targeted at a specific group of people certainly isn't consistent with that message.
- ✓ According to the out of state special interests lobbying for this bill, educators, firefighters, police officers, nurses and other public employees have had it too good for too long. What they really should say is that they don't want to have to compete with compelling public interests for state dollars and instead, want to eliminate the opposition and make it easier for legislators to hand out corporate welfare without any oversight. Every time public workers successfully advocate for proper funding for public education and public protection, there are fewer tax dollars to support corporate welfare for big \$\$\$ donors.

Call your legislator today at (555-555-5555) and tell them to VOTE NO on SB7!