The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in June to hear the Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association case. The lawsuit claims that workers who enjoy union benefits and protections shouldn’t have to pay for them if they choose not to—even though unions are required by law to provide protections for everyone in the workplace. 

UUP disagrees.

Here’s the TRUTH:

✓ Billionaire corporate elites are attempting to destroy public sector unions and take away the rights of workers to speak up as a group and negotiate protections for their families.

✓ Friedrichs is designed to destroy the financial security of unions. This case is being pushed by right-wing, anti-union organizations that oppose the Voting Rights Act, among other progressive policies.

✓ Friedrichs is a part of a long-term scheme by corporate CEOs and wealthy elites to erode political power from the unions by siphoning off members.

✓ Unions do NOT use fees for political activities. Anyone who tells you that is LYING. It is illegal for unions to use fees for political activities.

✓ Only voluntary donations to political action funds—like NYSUT’s VOTE-COPE nonpartisan fund—are used for political activities. This is how the law protects the free speech and Constitutional rights of bargaining unit members who disagree with the union for political reasons.

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