

WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT



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Chicago, IL - With an overwhelming majority of precincts reporting statewide, multiple media outlets have announced that the people of Illinois have approved the Workers' Rights Amendment, guaranteeing every Illinois citizen their fundamental rights to organize their workplace and bargain collectively with their coworkers for better pay and safe workplaces.

With a decisive majority of all ballots cast, the Workers' Rights Amendment has passed.

Statement from Samantha McClain, Vote Yes for Workers' Rights Campaign Director: "Based on the current vote count and our campaign's internal data, it is clear that the Workers' Rights Amendment will pass. We firmly believe that after every vote is counted, the amendment will be approved by an overwhelming majority of Illinois voters."

Statement from Tim Drea, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO and Vote Yes for Workers' Rights Chair

"From day one, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign has been based on the simple idea that every Illinois worker deserves better. Better pay, stronger benefits, and safer workplaces don't just help workers thrive; they strengthen our state and keep us all safe.

Tonight, the voters of Illinois sent a clear message by passing the Workers' Rights Amendment: Illinois is and always will be a workers' rights state.

This victory is a historic moment for our workers and our entire state. We know that the best way to kick-start our economy and help families deal with rising costs is to put more money in their pockets. The Workers' Rights Amendment will protect every Illinoisan's right to join with their coworkers to negotiate for pay raises for generations to come.

This victory wouldn't have been possible without the incredible effort of hard-working Illinoisans from across our state who have been in their communities knocking on doors, making phone calls, and talking to their neighbors and families about why the Workers' Rights Amendment is so essential for every worker and family in Illinois.

We built this campaign by Illinois workers for Illinois workers, and the Workers' Rights Amendment will help us build a better future for our state. With the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment, Illinois is taking the charge as a national leader at a time of rising inflation and devastating federal rate hikes.

On behalf of the Illinois AFL-CIO and the 900,000 workers we represent alongside our affiliate unions,

we would like to congratulate Illinois workers for this historic victory.”

Statement from Bob Reiter, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Vote Yes for Workers’ Rights Treasurer

“It is inspiring to see Illinois workers rise up to fight for each other and pass the Workers’ Rights Amendment. Tonight, the working class voted to put themselves first and protect their rights on the job.

The Chicago Federation of Labor, our affiliate unions, and their incredible, hardworking members came together to ensure every Illinois worker gets a fair shake and to protect their rights from the special interest groups and anti-worker politicians that have been attacking workers for years. On behalf of our affiliate unions, the Chicago labor movement is honored to have played a critical role in ensuring every Illinois worker is safe on the job and off.

While we’re excited to celebrate this incredible victory tonight, we know our work is far from over. There always seems to be a new attack against workers, and we are going to do whatever it takes to protect our workers and your communities from the special interest groups and billionaires trying to divide Illinoisans.

Tonight, Chicago and Illinois demonstrated why we are national leaders in fighting for workers’ rights, and we look forward to partnering with allies across the country to bring the protections of the Workers’ Rights Amendment to workers across the country, ”

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