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Memorandum

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Representative Patrick J. Harkins PJ.H.

Date: March 4, 2011

Subject: A Resolution: SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF ALL WORKERS AND CALLING ON THE END OF THE WAR ON WORKERS

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution supporting the rights of all workers and calling for an end of the war on workers. Public- and private-sector union workers are our friends, neighbors, taxpayers, and constituents, and through their efforts, they enable us to meet our commitments to all citizens of our Commonwealth.

Historically, labor unions are responsible for the civilized working conditions we take for granted, including 40-hour work weeks, laws pertaining to child labor, health and safety conditions, overtime pay, and health insurance and pension coverage.

Collective bargaining is neither a weapon nor a bludgeon but rather an enlightened method to resolve disagreements in good faith.

If you would like to join me in support of this resolution, please contact Terra in my office via email <u>theilman@pahouse.net</u>.

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