

# “RIGHT-TO-WORK” IS **WRONG** FOR **ILLINOIS**

## WAGES



Average worker in RTW makes

**\$5,971/yr**

less than in free bargaining states.

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics

## POVERTY RATE

**14.8%**



in RTW states compared to  
13.1% in free bargaining states.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau

## HEALTH BENEFITS



People are less likely to have health insurance, and resources for education are lower in RTW states.

<sup>1</sup> Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

## WORKPLACE FATALITIES

**54.4%**



Approximately 107 additional Illinois workers would lose their lives due to work-related injuries in the construction sector over 10 years.

<sup>1</sup> AFL-CIO

The term “right to work” is a misnomer that has little to do with the right of a person to seek and accept gainful employment. It does not give anyone an actual right-to-work. Instead it makes it harder for workers to have a union in their workplace.



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