Nixon vetoes 'Right to Work,' but our work continues

By DAVID COOK President

Thanks to your efforts, and those of the entire Labor Movement, Governor Jay Nixon vetoed 'Right to Work' in Missouri on Thursday, June 4.

According to a spokesperson at the Governor's

office more than 99 percent of the feedback the Governor has received on 'Right to Work' this year has been against the measure, greatly bolstering our position that Missourians do not want this harmful, wagecutting legislation.

As encouraging as this action is, we cannot rest on our laurels.

Nixon's veto, while a necessary step towards our goal of defeating 'Right to Work' is not cause for us to claim victory. Our focus now must return to the state legislature, which is poised to take up the issue again during its upcoming September veto session.

You may recall that when 'Right to Work' passed through the State Legislature it failed to achieve veto-proof margins. Now, it is our responsibility to make sure that the out-of-state special interests who are pushing this measure do not build enough support to override Nixon's veto.

This will be no easy task. ALEC, Americans for Prosperity and the other wealthy out-of-state special interest groups behind 'Right to Work' are putting tremendous pressure on our friends in the Missouri Legislature to entice them to change their votes.

We need to remind these legislators that Missouri's workers do not want this harmful law.

Between now and the September veto session we will be asking a lot of you and all of our members living throughout Missouri. To volunteer, contact your Union Representative or call Political Director Nick Trupiano at 636-736-2767.

We need to shore up the support of all of our friends in the State Legislature if we are going to defeat 'Right to Work.' Get to know your State Legislators, make sure that they know 'Right to Work' doesn't work—and that if they have our backs, we will have theirs. Together we will win!

For generations, the American working class has had the ability to stand together as one unit to bargain for fair wages and benefits, lifting the living standards of union and non-union families everywhere.

Let's move forward. Continue to tell your legislators that right-to-work is wrong for Missouri.



Nixon Veto



We will be holding our

Barbecue

Saturday, July 18th, 2015

at Cross Keys Schnucks

(in Florissant at the intersection of Lindbergh and New Halls Ferry)

To raise money for Faces of Our Children to help in the fight against Sickle Cell disease.

Members interested in helping should contact Levi Eddins at 636-736-2791.





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655 Runners, walkers 'Race for the Cure'



Local 655 again joined a sea of pink at the annual Komen Race for the Cure held in Downtown St. Louis on Saturday. The group, 34 members strong, raised more than \$2,000 to help find a cure for breast cancer. Although most members walked, Union Representative Theresa Hester ran the 5k in 49 minutes!

Education Grants available for Local 655 members

Local 655 offers educational grants to current active members of the local union who are enrolled in any post-secondary form of education (such as college, technical or vocational school).

Twenty winners of \$150 each will be drawn during the regular June Monthly Membership Meetings.

Download the Local 655 Education Grant Entry form at www.ufcw655.org.



UFCW Local 655's

Annual Co-ed Softball Tournament



WHEN: August 3,4,5,6,10 & 11

WHERE: BRIDGETON MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

13217 Ferguson Lane Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

Rainout Dates: August 12 & 13



The annual softball tournament applications will arrive at stores soon so be one of the first to sign up for this exciting, fun event. The softball tournament is limited to the first 50 teams.

Talk with your coworkers. Gather your team. Dig out your bats and gloves and be ready to join us for another fun tournament.

Don't have enough for a full team? We can pair you up with another store that may be short on players. (All combined teams must be approved by the Union).

For more information contact Robert Spence (636-736-2775) or Kevin Ryan (636-736-2766)

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