



Southern Calif. Supermarket Workers Extend Contract Negotiations

Six UFCW Locals from Southern California agreed this week to extend their contract with four major supermarkets in the region until March 31.

UFCW members from Locals 135, 324, 770, 1167, 1428 and 1442 have been negotiating a new contract with Ralphs, Vons, Albertsons and Stater Bros. The contract covers over 62,000 UFCW members working in these stores. **OP**



Brent Vogel from Local 538 in Madison, Wis., thanked UFCW members for their support..

UFCW Members Across the Nation Show Solidarity with Wisconsin Workers

The fight for the middle class and workers' rights continues in Wisconsin. UFCW members across the nation are recording short videos to express their solidarity with workers in Wisconsin. Haven't sent your video yet? Use your cell phone or camera and record a one minute video that includes the phrase "I stand with Wisconsin," and send it to submissions@ufcw.org. We'll share your message with Wisconsin working families. **OP**

Indiana Workers Unite Against "Right-to-Work" Bill

Indiana workers have been rallying outside the state's Capitol to protest against a "right-to-work" bill that if passed would lower living and working for working families across the state.

Last week, Local 700 members attended the "Stand Up for Hoosiers" rally at the State Capitol. This week workers from Local 700 and Local 227 are organizing several events to show their opposition against the "right-to-work" bill. **OP**



Local 700 and Local 227 members in Indianapolis joined this Tuesday hundreds of union members and supporters in rallying against "right to work" and other anti-worker legislation

Save the Date: Nationwide Action for Worker Rights

Monday, April 4, the union movement will engage in nationwide actions to support working families in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and across the country. More updates to come.



UFCW Members in Ohio Rally to Save the Middle Class

Hundreds of members from Locals 75, 880, 17A and 379* joined over 10,000 workers and their families last week in front of Ohio's statehouse in Columbus to express their opposition to Ohio's Republican Governor John Kasich political power grab to silence the voice of workers.

"We are here to support all of my fellow union members and workers across the State of Ohio by opposing this bill," said Malcolm Philips, a UFCW Local 75 member who attended the rally. "This is about the middle class."



Local 75 members from Toledo, OH traveled to Columbus, OH to show their opposition to Senate Bill 5.

This bill, known as Senate Bill 5 (SB5), was passed last week in the State Senate by a vote of 17-16, while thousands of middle class workers stood outside the statehouse chanting "kill the bill."

If it's passed by the Republican-controlled House and signed by Gov. Kasich, it would curtail collective bargaining rights for public workers in the state.

"In the long run this bill will affect all of the middle class people, because if they pass it for government workers it is going to cause a trickledown effect that is going to touch every aspect in every union," said Kim Buckley from Local 880.

Working families in Ohio continue to stand up against this bill. They are organizing rallies across Ohio to tell their representatives that they should "kill SB5." **OP**

University of Notre Dame Report Refutes "Right to Work" Claims

A report presented last Thursday at Indiana's statehouse by labor experts from the University of Notre Dame's Higgins Labor Studies Program exposes the myths of "right to work" laws.

This report titled "Right-to-Work vs. The Rights of Workers" shows several facts that indicate how workers in non-right-to-work states have higher standards of living.

It also highlights the importance of labor unions and collective bargaining in keeping decent wages, working conditions, benefits and human dignity.

The authors document how corporations and big business have supported anti-labor policies that have lowered wages and increased income inequality, ultimately undermining America's middle class. **OP**