

Millworkers protest Walden's support of free trade deals

BEND — A dozen workers from the shuttered KorPine particle board plant here hand-delivered a letter to Oregon U.S. Representative Greg Walden's Bend office on May 11 challenging his support for free trade agreements — deals they say have cost Central Oregon more than 1,300 family-wage jobs over the last decade.

Roger Hanson, a former president of then-Paperworkers Local 406, and his son Brian, were among the coalition of workers delivering the letter. KorPine, a division of Weyerhaeuser Industries, closed its doors in 2002, putting nearly 200 union members out of work. [The local closed and the international union merged to form the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers.

The U.S. Department of Labor certified that the closure was directly related to international free trade, specifically the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

KorPine is not alone. According to the Oregon Fair Trade Coalition, Central Oregon has lost at least 1,303 jobs that were directly attributable to free trade agreements. Oregon, as a whole, has lost upwards of 50,000 jobs since NAFTA took affect, the coalition said.

"This is not about obscure policy or statistics; these policies are about people's livelihoods, families and communities," Hanson said. That sentiment is what the Bend residents wanted to express with their letter to Walden, a Republican who has voted for every free trade deal ever presented.

The dozen workers are part of a statewide network of workers who, through the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign, are challenging their elected officials and demanding an end "to the destruction of outsourcing and free trade."

Utah curb on unionists' payroll deductions is unconstitutional

PROVO, Utah — A law prohibiting public employees from making political action donations by payroll deduction is unconstitutional, according to a decision by U.S. District Court Judge Tena Campbell.

The law, known as the Voluntary Contributions Act (VCA), was enacted by the Utah Legislature in 2001. The current version of the VCA prohibits the state and political subdivisions of the State of Utah from permitting employees to have a payroll deduction for voluntary political contributions. Significant portions of the 2001 Act were previously held unconstitutional by Utah District Court Judge Stephen Henriod. The Legislature has amended the VCA twice since 2001 attempting to avoid constitutional problems. The earlier litigation cost the state nearly \$800,000 in attorneys' fees.

"The court's decision is a vindication of all public employees' rights to voluntarily contribute their own money by payroll deduction to a political action committee, just as employees in the private sector are permitted to do," said by Pat Rusk, president of Utah Education Association, a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

Judge Campbell's opinion states, "The court concludes that the statute is a content-based restriction on free speech, subject to strict scrutiny. Because the state has not shown that the statute is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest, the court

agrees with the plaintiffs and finds that the statute is unconstitutional."

Arguing for the VCA, the state claimed the restriction on political deductions "merely reflect[ed] a decision not to subsidize the process of political contributions and that the state is not required by the First Amendment to devote its resources to collect political contributions from its employees." Noting the State "incurs no expense as a result of the payroll deductions," Judge Campbell wrote the cost of making the deduction is "slight" and the local government can require the employee or union to bear the cost.

The state also argued that payroll deductions for political purposes gave preferential treatment to labor organizations, or that the VCA was designed to prevent political pressures on public employees. Rejecting the state's arguments, the opinion notes, "there is nothing in the record that shows that the practice of voluntary payroll deductions has ever been the cause of political pressure or that public employees have become 'entangled' with private political activities as a result of payroll deductions."

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The CCSB develops rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Custodians' Civil Service Law, including the classification of custodial employees, the manner in which examinations are to be held, the certification of eligible candidates for vacancies, the appointment of candidates for employment and the investigation into the dismissal of custodial employees. The CCSB is also required to report annually to the School Board. The annual report must include the rules of the CCSB, the effect of such rules, recommendations for a more effective classified civil service and a roster of all employees that fall under the Custodian Civil Service Law in the employ of the school district.

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