

THE TOP THREE UNION-BACKED BILLS: HOW MEMBERS OF THE OREGON HOUSE VOTED

LEGEND
 ✓ - voted for the bill
 X - voted against
 N/A - didn't cast a vote

	SB 828: FAIR WORK WEEK	SB 1040: NO LOCAL 'RIGHT-TO- WORK'	HB 2017: TRANSPOR- TATION PACKAGE
Alonso Leon	✓	✓	X
Barker	✓	✓	✓
Barnhart	✓	✓	✓
Barreto	X	X	X
Bentz	X	X	✓
Boone	✓	N/A	N/A
Buehler	N/A	✓	X
Bynum	✓	✓	X
Clem	✓	✓	✓
Doherty	✓	✓	✓
Esquivel	X	X	✓
Evans	✓	✓	X
Fahey	✓	✓	X
Gomberg	✓	✓	✓
Gorsek	✓	✓	✓
Greenlick	✓	✓	✓
Hack	✓	X	X
Hayden	✓	X	X
Heard	✓	✓	X
Helm	✓	✓	✓
Hernandez	✓	✓	✓
Holvey	✓	✓	✓
Huffman	X	✓	✓
Johnson	✓	✓	✓
Kotek	✓	✓	✓
Kennemer	✓	✓	X
Keny-Guyer	✓	✓	✓
Lewis	X	X	✓
Lininger	✓	✓	✓
Lively	✓	✓	✓

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Malstrom	✓	✓	✓
Marsh	✓	✓	✓
McKeown	✓	✓	✓
McLain	✓	✓	✓
McLane	✓	X	✓
Meek	✓	N/A	X
Nathanson	✓	✓	✓
Nearman	X	X	X
Noble	X	X	✓
Nosse	✓	✓	✓
Olson	✓	X	✓
Parrish	✓	✓	X
Piluso	✓	✓	✓
Post	✓	X	X
Power	✓	✓	X
Rayfield	✓	✓	✓
Reardon	✓	✓	✓
Reschke	X	X	X
Sanchez	✓	✓	✓
Smith DB	✓	X	X
Smith G	X	✓	✓
Smith Warner	✓	✓	✓
Sollman	✓	✓	✓
Sprenger	X	X	X
Stark	X	X	X
Vial	✓	✓	✓
Whisnant	X	X	✓
Williamson	✓	✓	✓
Wilson	X	X	X
Witt	✓	✓	✓

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Don't believe Trump's hypocritical 'anti-education,' 'pro-worker' rhetoric

To The Editor:

I am a proud member of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, and my partner is a strong union supporter who organized for the United Auto Workers back East. We were both deeply disturbed by Don McIntosh's article, "Clueless about Class." Obviously, we agree that classism is wrong, and we also agree that the working class should be supported, strengthened, and not demeaned in any way. But the article came across as a screeching attack on Democrats and on Clinton, and a valorization/glorification of Trump and the Republican Party.

The Republican Party under Trump is no friend to the unions or to the working people of America. Our health care is being undermined, environmental protections are under fire, our public education system is under DeVos's butcher knife, Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid are being targeted, and the regulations that keep corporations in check are being torn down. Don's article failed to distinguish between a manipulative rhetoric that flatters the working class to get their votes and a political agenda that actually supports the things that matter most to working people: Social Security, clean environments, good schools, real health care coverage, and legal protections from greedy corporations and individuals who are out to abuse the public trust.

The Democrats have their flaws, but Democratic presidents don't appoint people like Betsy DeVos to manage our children's future, they don't attack health care expansions, they don't kill environmental protections, and they don't seek to minimize our safety nets like Social Security. I was surprised

to see a union newspaper buying into a highly cynical and sinister Republican "pro-worker" rhetoric that seeks to use the working class in the polls only to then stomp on us when they get into office.

One other point must be made. Instead of criticizing the highly educated for not respecting the working class enough, we should be encouraging the working class to love and pursue education for themselves and their children.

The anti-intellectual position that the working class should shun or otherwise strike back at the educators and educational institutions that deliver higher learning is very self-defeating. Academics are not the enemy of the working class, though this was strongly implied by the article. Research and advanced learning produces the technologies which create jobs and new opportunities, and it is in our interest to see educational institutions as doorways to the future.

A working class that turns its back on higher education is a working class that is doomed to stagnation and manipulation by those (like Trump) who did benefit from first-class higher education. Trump sends his children to top universities while telling the working people that they don't need the "cultural elite" or colleges. Remember that Eric and Ivanka Trump went to Georgetown University, Trump Jr. and Trump himself went to the University of Pennsylvania, and none of these Trump kids ever attended the public school system that DeVos is now undermining. Trump has been benefiting his whole life from the fruits of higher education, and yet he and the Republicans want workers to chant "we don't need no education."

In summary, don't believe Trump's hypocritical "anti-education," "pro-worker" rhetoric. We should never turn our backs on education — an educated working class is a powerful working class.

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