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The Education Committee  
Room 2C, Legislative Office Building  
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Re: 3/5/12 Agenda #19 S.B. No. 304 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF LABOR HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

**I am not in support of the Act Concerning The Inclusion Of Labor History In The Public School Curriculum.**

To: Co-Chair's Andrew M. Fleischmann, Andrea L. Stillman, Vice Chair's Douglas McCrory, John W. Fonfara, Ranking Member's Marilyn Giuliano, Antonietta Boucher, Members, Tim Ackert, Beth Bye, Christie M. Carpino, Michelle L. Cook, Paul Davis, Henry J. Genga, Auden Grogins, Toni Nathaniel Harp, Gary A. Holder-Winfield, DebraLee Hovey, Susan M. Johnson, David W. Kiner, Noreen S. Kokoruda, Brenda L. Kupchick, Gail Lavielle, Timothy B. LeGeyt, Matthew Lesser, Christopher Lyddy, Steven T. Mikutel, Patricia Billie Miller, Sandy H. Nafis, Michael L. Molgano, Tom Reynolds, Jason Rojas, Robert Sanchez, Prasad Srinivasan, Len, Suzio.

With all the funding cuts to education, sports and music programs being cut from school systems state wide I find this proposed Act Concerning the Inclusion of Labor History in the Public School Curriculum to be a waste of money. Not to mention in this struggling economy the cost for new school related materials and books relating to todays curriculum should be of the utmost priority. With the nationwide problem of Kindergarten Readiness on the front burner right now I feel any funds that would be available should go to that. We should not be adding the history of Labor Unions.

Who is going to pay for that? Taxpayers like myself? I do not think that our young children are going to get the education they need to get into college by learning about "Collective Bargaining and Labor Laws" Is that really what this act is? Or is it just an attempt for the union to sneak this in so that new laws can be written to cover self employed business owners so they to can in fact be forced to unionize? Are you going to teach them the truth about unions and all the mandatory dues, fees and agency fees that they will impose on the hard working citizens of our State. Will they teach the children the history of union's using intimidation of workers who opposed the unions? Will we teach our children about Union's using they're money to buy their way into our government and influence the way laws are written or enforced.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am a mother of 3 young children and an In Home Family Childcare Provider and I would like you to vote NO in this Act. I am being forced by Executive Order No. 9 to join a union against my will and I Do Not Support The Teaching Of Union Labor History in our schools. I Do Not Support This Bill!

Please think of the children you know, does this really need to be taught in school? There isn't enough time in the day for the kids to learn the important things they need to learn in order to be successful on CMT's or CAPT tests. These tests directly impact our education funding. We need to focus on those skills that will effect our bottom line funding and not influence Union acceptability in our young.

Sincerely,  
Maria Nelson