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Committee Plans to Mobilize Millions This Fall *New 'Matching Grant Challenge' Issued to Pay For Vital Program*

With the 2004 U.S. Senate and House elections approaching, private-sector employees' Right to Work is in greater peril than it has been for a long time.

As this month's Newsletter goes to press, 205 House members, just 13 shy of a majority, have signed on to union boss-endorsed legislation that is clearly designed to corral millions of now-independent American workers into unwanted unions.

Sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), this bill is cynically labeled as the "Employee Free Choice Act" (S.1925/H.R.3619).

It would greatly expand Big Labor's power to force a business's employees to accept a union as their "exclusive" bargaining agent and pay union dues, or be fired from their jobs.

Kennedy Power Grab Could Be Enacted Next Year

Under current law, union bosses may already procure monopoly power to negotiate employees' pay, benefits, and work rules solely through the acquisition of signed "union authorization cards."

Consequently, individual workers under the watchful eyes of union organizers may be intimidated into signing not just themselves, but all their nonunion fellow employees, over to union-boss control.

However, as stacked as current law is in favor of Big Labor, employers nonetheless retain the right to stand up for their independent employees against union-boss intimidation tactics.

But the Kennedy/Miller Bill would empower union bosses to impose forced unionism through card check automatically, with no recourse for any pro-Right to Work employer.



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This year's "Matching Grant Challenge" will help the Committee put a spotlight on the anti-Right to

Work views and voting records of politicians like Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.).

And now, with union-label Sen. John Kerry, Ted Kennedy's junior partner from Massachusetts, leading President Bush in a number of nationwide polls, Right to Work proponents can't count on a presidential veto to stop Kennedy/Miller next year.

Therefore, unless Right to Work proponents significantly increase their congressional strength in the upcoming elections, union lobbyists could ram Kennedy/Miller into law in 2005.

On the other hand, if the union bosses' 2004 power grab fails, next year we could see greater Right to Work strength in both chambers of Congress and a pro-Right to Work President ready to sign a national Right to Work law banning forced union

dues in all 50 states.

With so much at stake, the National Right to Work Committee is mounting a major grass-roots lobbying campaign.

Right now the Committee is preparing to mobilize through the mail millions of freedom-loving Americans to lobby their federal candidates.

These citizens will help the Committee raise the pressure on dozens of targeted candidates to pledge that, if they win on Election Day, they will support Right to Work 100% during their upcoming term in office.

This October, the Committee will

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Grant Doubles Your Money's Clout

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inform millions of pro-Right to Work citizens, through mailings and newspaper ads, about how their candidates have responded.

The Committee's candidate survey and citizen mobilization program, known as the Federal Survey '04, is the linchpin of its efforts to defend the Right to Work in Congress.

Politicians Listen Better When Election Day Is Coming Fast Upon Them

Experience shows that candidates are much more likely to heed the vast majority of Americans who support Right to Work and pledge across-the-board opposition to forced unionism in the months leading up to Election Day — not after they are safely elected or reelected.

And Big Labor candidates who

stubbornly spurn pleas from pro-Right to Work citizens to change their position have often gone down to defeat as a consequence.

For example, Right to Work members' generous response to a special 2002 "Matching Grant Challenge" made by three dedicated supporters enabled the Committee to put a spotlight on then-Sen. Max Cleland's (D-Ga.) pro-forced unionism voting record.

The Committee was able to publicize Mr. Cleland's votes against Right to Work by sending out direct mail, running hard-hitting TV ads, and conducting a statewide media tour.

On Election Night, Mr. Cleland lost his Senate seat by fewer than 140,000 votes (out of more than two million) to his staunchly pro-Right to Work challenger, then-Congressman Saxby Chambliss (R).

The 2002 "Matching Grant Challenge" also made the difference in Colorado that

year.

After being tagged as a likely loser by most political prognosticators, pro-Right to Work Sen. Wayne Allard (R) scored a five-percentage-point victory in the Centennial State.

(His anti-Right to Work challenger had rejected freedom-loving Coloradans' pleas to drop his commitment to forced unionism.)

This fall, candidates with contrasting views on Right to Work will be pitted against one another in dozens of close Senate and House races.

And now a small number of dedicated Right to Work supporters are instituting a new "Matching Grant Challenge" for Committee members.

This group will match all contributions to the Committee, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$350,000.

Right to Work members were informed about this opportunity to double the impact of their contributions in a recent letter from Executive Committee Chairman Reed Larson.

'America's Future Can Be Determined by Freedom-Loving Citizens'

"To ensure Kennedy/Miller can be blocked next year, Right to Work supporters must capture most or all of the seats now held by Big Labor Sens. Tom Daschle [D-S.D.], Ben Nighthorse Campbell [R-Colo.], Bob Graham [D-Fla.], John Breaux [D-La.], John Edwards [D-N.C.], and Ernest Hollings [D-S.C.]," said Mr. Larson.

"At the same time, Big Labor must be prevented from taking over the seats of retiring Sens. Don Nickles [R-Okla.], a Right to Work stalwart, and Zell Miller [D-Ga.], whose recent record on the Right to Work issue has been mixed.

"The new Matching Grant Challenge is a boon for the Committee's pro-Right to Work lobbying efforts.

"It encourages Committee members to contribute now, when their contributions can do the most good.

"By taking the 'Matching Grant Challenge,' members can help ensure the Committee thwarts Big Labor's forced-dues funded drive to seize total control of Congress this fall, and instead paves the way for passage of the National Right to Work Act.

"Thanks to our generous members, America's future can be determined by freedom-loving citizens, not power-grasping union bosses who build their empires on the backs of workers." 📣



By mobilizing millions of pro-Right to Work citizens and informing them about candidates' positions on forced

unionism, the Federal Survey '04 can pave the way for enactment of a national Right to Work law.