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Laws Hurting Unions Won't Create Jobs

Unsurprisingly, your editorial "Giving Workers a Union Choice" (Feb. 2) supports Republican attempts to destroy unions in Indiana and Wisconsin just as they've been crippled throughout the South. Voters want politicians to help create jobs and raise wages, but the corporate CEOs who put millions into the last election are looking for something else—political payback against a Democratic constituency. They want a misleadingly named "right-to-work" law passed to make it illegal for employers and unions to agree to require every employee who gets the benefit of union wages and benefits to help pay the costs of negotiations.

Right-to-work laws do not create jobs, but they do weaken unions and lead to lower pay and reduced pension and health-care coverage. Businesses seeking cheap labor will eventually move to Mexico or China, even from "right-to-work" states.

Attacking political opponents is a lot easier than creating middle-class jobs.

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