

'RIGHT TO WORK' DEFEATED



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Show-Me State Defeats 'Right-to-Work' Law

Missouri voters at the polls on August 7 rescued their state from right-to-work status after 63% of ballots rejected corporate designs to undermine working families. The Show-Me-State said “No” to “Proposition A” which would have locked in Missouri as the 28th right-to-work state in the nation.

Disgraced Governor Eric Greitens, who has since resigned, made right-to-work the law of the land last year after the Republican legislature green-lighted the measure which was bankrolled by corporate interests in a bid to cripple labor unions. But the law came into question and was put on hold when a successful petition drive won the right to put the measure before voters in a referendum. Prop A proponents mischaracterized the initiative as a boon for the economy and working families. But labor interests undertook a widespread grassroots effort to inform voters of the truth and

knocked on hundreds of thousands of doors, made a million phone calls and visited workers at over 1,000 job sites.

Actor John Goodman helped the cause with a radio ad critical of Prop A. “The bill will not give you the right to work,” Goodman pointed out in the radio spot. “It’s being sold as a way to help Missouri workers, but look a little deeper and you’ll see it’s all about corporate greed.”

An Economic Policy Institute study concluded that workers in Right to Work states make \$5,000 less on average per year coupled with watered-down benefits and protections. In addition, such states have higher workplace and infant mortality rates, higher poverty rates and invest less in education.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said the Missouri vote is indicative of “a true groundswell” for working families. “The defeat of this poisonous anti-worker legislation is a victory for all workers across the country...Tonight is the latest act of working people changing a rigged system that for decades has been favoring corporations, the mega wealthy and the privileged few. From statehouses and city councils to the halls of Congress, working people are fighting back; and this November, we will elect our allies and retire our enemies.”