

# Resist Right-to-Work **AND** the anti-women, anti-Reproductive choice **Bill HR 5711**

The new State legislation is an attack on the working classes, poor, and women

Right-to-Work and anti-women legislation HR 5711 is part of the broader initiative by the ruling class and their governments to undermine the gains made by working class and poor people. We must unite against both. The far right of the Republican Party is out front in this current assault. But Democrats have been largely complicit.

Right-To-Work, like Emergency Managers, are part of a dramatic escalation by the ruling class to adjust social and economic management. It is part of the ongoing restructuring of regional, national and global capitalism.

HR 5711 is an attempt to restrict women's rights to reproductive care and access. This legislation is an attempt to further erode any and all gains made by women and is part of a greater war being waged against the social justice movements of the past.

Right-to-Work and HR 5711 are ways to discipline the working classes, the poor, and women. The ruling class see unionization and organization in the working class as barriers to ruling class profit. HR 5711 is an attempt to reassert male supremacy over women's bodies.



*V-Day Lansing Capitol 2012*



*International Women's Day March Late 1970's*

“Partnership” between management and the union bureaucracy has led to the situation we are now in. The union leaderships by and large have failed to organize and resist these attacks on the working classes and poor, our class. Concession after concession has been made which has demoralized and weakened us. Right-to-Work is the next step in the breaking of labors back.

Despite the mobilizations at the Capital the larger strategy of the unions and Democrats is to propose legislative referendums, recalls, and more business and usual through the courts. This is no strategy and only prolongs the crisis were in.

We need new strategies of organizing. We need new ideas of how the working class and poor can resist these attacks. We need to organize and defend women's reproductive choice and abortion clinic access.

The gains of organized Labor were built through struggle against the ruling classes, their banks and their governments. Women's choice and control of their own bodies has come through determined organizing and action. It is women who have been on the front lines of both labor and the struggles for social and economic equality and freedom.

What we need is the rebuilding of a broad independent movement of the working class and poor. In the past our advancements have come through sit down strikes, hard strikes, militant mobilizations, and wildcats. No one is coming to save us except ourselves.

The lessons of Occupy and the movement of the 99% are vital. The last two years have shown real possibility for a different kind of politics and organizing. The movement has changed, but like organized labor, the reason for its development and spread remain the same. The authoritarian and capitalist system is grinding us down.

**We need to organize and resist!**

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