

California Religious Leaders Support the Employee Free Choice Act



We support legislation that allow workers to choose union representation by signing cards, requires ... binding arbitration if a first contract agreement is not reached in a reasonable period of time, and expands penalties for employers violating workers' right to organize. Book of Discipline, United Methodist Church, 2008

...we oppose organized efforts, such as those regrettably seen in this country, to break existing unions or prevent workers from organizing
Natl Conf of Bishops, 1986

Workers who demand the right to free association with labor unions operate ...within the parameters of American law [and] ...within the boundaries of the Islamic concept of justice. Imam Madhi Bray, Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation, Hassam Ayloush, CAIR

We call upon employers to abide by their employees' decision when a majority indicates that it supports union representation.
Union for Reform Judaism, 2005

We decry the growing wave of anti-unionism mounting the nation today. Episcopal Church, 1982

We believe in the right of [workers] to organize for protection against unjust conditions and to secure a more adequate share of the fruits of their toil. Disciples of Christ, 1938

We call on employers to recognize the right of their employees to choose freely whether to unionize or not without intimidation or coercion.
African Methodist Episcopal Zionist, 2007

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