



Testimony before the
Senate Commerce Committee

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OPPOSE Senate Bill 212

Mrs. Chairwoman and members of the committee:

My name is Mike Scribner and I am a Business Agent and President at Teamsters Local Union 696, we represent the majority of employees that work for Shawnee County and the Juvenile Corrections officer for the State of Kansas, along with a lot of employees in the private sector.

Teamsters Local Union 696 strongly opposes SB 212, which infringes on public employees rights to decide what to do with their money after they earn it. Our members are hard working; law-abiding citizens and it should be their decision on what to do with their money if they choose to. Kansas is a right to work state so our members have already made the decision that they want to pay dues to their union. Within our local union the members can further decide if they want to do automatic dues deduction or pay dues directly. The overwhelming majority make the decision to do automatic dues deduction since it is easier for them and more convenient.

Teamsters 696, currently in our agreement with the State of Kansas, pay the State in order to do automatic dues deduction. Taxpayers are not out anything for this immense convenience to our membership. Why would we not allow it? If a state workers decides to do automatic deduction that is their decision.

All this bill will do is take away public employees choice. We have automatic deduction for United Way, AFLAC and other benefits why can't we have it for the union that we choose to join?

This is our money that we have earned; it should be our choice to do with it as we choose after we have earned it. We urge you to vote no on SB 212.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Scribner", is located below the text "Thank you for your time." The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Scribner