

# **KEA President's Points**

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Dear Member,

The first day of the 2017 Session was a busy one. Both chambers had their first readings of legislation that will impact KEA members.

## ***PLEASE FORWARD TO MEMBERS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION***

### ***So called "Paycheck Protection" legislation filed in Senate***

Senate Bill 6, the so called "paycheck protection" bill, was filed early Tuesday in the Senate and is on the legislative fast track with a committee hearing expected Wednesday.

Senate Bill 6 will make it more difficult for educators to continue to be a part of their organization by requiring annual authorization of deduction for dues. The bill also prohibits payroll deduction for voluntary contributions to the political action fund.

Senate Bill 6 deprives educators of the choice to be a part of an organization with an effective political voice. It is part of a nationwide assault on public sector unions to diminish the political power of working people. This legislation applies to other workers who belong to a union, including police, firefighters, construction employees, automobile workers, and many others.

If you have friends or family members who belong to a union please ask them to contact their legislators and tell them to vote NO on Senate Bill 6.

**Please call your legislator today 1-800-372-7181 and ask them to vote NO on Senate Bill 6!**

### ***Right to Work and Prevailing Wage Elimination expected to move quickly in House***

The Kentucky House laid out several of its key priorities on day one with the filing of House Bill 1, the "Right to Work" bill and House Bill 3, which will eliminate the prevailing wage for all public construction projects. If passed, these anti-worker bills

will limit the wages and protections for union workers.

Please contact your legislator immediately using this [link](#) and make sure your voice is heard on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

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