



*****ACTION ALERT*****

KEA OPPOSES SENATE BILL 7

President Stivers and other Frankfort politicians don't trust public employees to make their own financial decisions.

Instead of addressing the pressing issues facing all Kentucky citizens, the Senate is focused on how you voluntarily choose to spend your hard-earned money. The party of individual choice and personal liberty suddenly believes that you can't make informed decisions for yourself.

Senate Bill 7 is yet another example of legislators insulting educators. This time, it's about the financial decisions you make. Although SB7 purports to be about "the administration of payroll systems," *it's really about silencing you. Don't let them get away with that.*

If passed, SB7 will establish a ridiculous, time consuming, repetitive process intended to make it cumbersome for public employees to join any organization that works on their behalf for better wages and working conditions. It will prohibit the use of payroll deductions to make contributions to political action committees that work to elect officials who support public educators, not belittle them.

SB7 bill is an insulting, obvious attempt to keep educators from using their collective power to meaningfully engage in the political process. It's clearly intended to silence the opposition and insulate incumbents from being challenged about their legislative actions or in their political races.

Just this session alone, the General Assembly has refused to give public educators a raise in the state budget; has told them what they can think and say and do in the classroom, down to the materials they must use to teach; has weakened educator and parent voices on school councils; has imposed unfunded mandates on local school districts; is seeking a ridiculous expansion of charter schools that will gut public education statewide; and now, on top of all that, they want to micromanage your finances.

**Call your legislators today at (800) 372-7181
and tell them to vote NO on SB7.**