

PRO ACT: FORCING U.S. WORKERS TO FUND CORRUPT UNION BOSSES

Designed to boost union membership, the PRO Act would force workers and small business owners to hand over their hard earned income to pad labor boss salaries, luxuries and even corruption.

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The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act aims to boost the number of dues paying union members, padding the coffers of union bosses at the expense of workers, small and local businesses, entrepreneurs and Main Street consumers. The PRO Act would remove right-to-work protections for millions of American workers, including those in the 27 states that have passed these laws, by eliminating their right to forgo joining a union. American workers and small business owners would be forced to hand over their hard-earned paychecks to labor bosses or lose their jobs, despite the rampant corruption tied to unions.

HOW CORRUPT UNION BOSSES HAVE MISUSED WORKERS' UNION DUES

A multi-year DOJ investigation into one of the largest unions in America found a "startling level of corruption and fraud by a number of senior leaders" "[U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider]: 'During our five-year investigation, we have uncovered a startling level of corruption and fraud by a number of senior leaders of the UAW'... The investigation has led to convictions of 15 people, including two past UAW presidents, three Fiat Chrysler executives and a former General Motors board member who was a union leader." ([CNBC](#), 12/14/20)

Local union president embezzled more than \$300,000 in union funds to gamble at Detroit casino. "A labor leader who liked to gamble at a Detroit casino has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for embezzling \$300,000 from his union. Authorities say Mervin Hawk actually stole \$630,000 from AFSCME Local 164 ... The 59-year-old Hawk appeared in federal court Thursday, apologizing and acknowledging that he 'let a lot of folks down.' Both sides acknowledge he had a gambling problem." ([The Associated Press](#), 3/7/19)

Union president allegedly embezzled more than \$600,000 from union to pay down credit card debt after Neiman Marcus shopping spree. "A Montville woman allegedly embezzled more than \$600,000 from her union's pension and health care funds to pay credit card debts run up at high-end stores like Bloomingdales and Neiman Marcus ... charged with embezzlement of labor union assets and embezzlement from employee benefit plans." ([NorthJersey.com](#), 1/28/21)

Union president and members charged with embezzlement, bribery and theft in federal investigation. "Federal authorities portrayed the region's most powerful labor leader, John J. Dougherty, as an unscrupulous kingpin who enriched himself on the backs of union members and exerted his influence to steamroll opponents ... The allegations detailed in the 116-count indictment ... claims that Dougherty and others embezzled more than \$600,000 between 2010 and 2016 to fund personal shopping sprees, restaurant dinners, and annual trips – to staggering claims of corruption and political vindictiveness." ([The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 1/30/19)

Statewide teacher union president embezzled more than \$100,000 from union for personal expenses. "The former president of the Indianapolis Education Association has been sentenced to 16 months in prison after pleading guilty to embezzling more than \$100,000 from the union. Cornett wrote checks from the union's bank account and used the union's debit card for personal expenses and to withdraw cash, prosecutors said." ([The Associated Press](#), 5/19/20)

Former United Auto Workers president charged with embezzling more than \$1 million to spend on private villas, golf outings and horseback rides on beaches. "Prosecutors on Thursday charged the former president of the United Auto Workers with corruption, alleging he plotted with others to embezzle more than \$1 million to splurge on private villas, golf outings, boozy meals and horseback rides on beaches." ([The Associated Press](#), 3/5/20)

Union president embezzled more than \$1.3 million from union to pay for spa treatments, second car and medical bills. "Former union leader Rocco Fazzolari was sentenced Monday to 37 months in prison for embezzling more than \$1.3 million from the union and its benefit plan. Fazzolari, former president of East Meadow-based United Industrial Services Union Local 122, pleaded guilty last fall to participating in a kickback scheme that helped him pocket the union's money. From 2012 to 2016, Fazzolari used union funds to pay for his personal expenses, including payments for spa treatments, a gym membership, a second car, medical expenses, personal credit card charges, and ATM cash withdrawals." ([Long Island Business News](#), 1/28/19)