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# Michigan Workers Win at State Supreme Court

**LANSING, MI, July 29, 2015** – Michigan Freedom Fund President Terri Reid issued the following statement today after the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that public employees in Michigan have the right to choose for themselves whether to join—or not to join—a labor union:

*“Today is a great day for workers in Michigan. Individuals’ freedoms shouldn’t end when they take a job working on behalf of taxpayers, and today’s ruling ensures that they won’t.*

*“Labor union bosses have launched an unprecedented lawsuit crusade to strip fundamental rights away from Michigan workers. There’s little wonder they are hemorrhaging members. It’s long past time labor leaders end their war on workers and focus instead on meeting the needs of their members.”*

According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, union membership in Michigan dropped significantly in 2014, the first full year workers had the freedom to work. The percentage of Michigan workers belonging to a union dropped from 16.3 percent in 2013 to 14.5 percent in 2014, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest drop in any state in the nation.

Union membership nationally fell only 0.2 percent in 2014.

Michigan Freedom Fund is a nonprofit organization run by Michiganders for Michiganders, working to advance, promote, and protect Michigan workers’ Constitutional rights. It works to create educational initiatives, promote issue advocacy and support policies that advance freedom in the workplace and across the state. For more information, please visit [www.MichiganFreedomFund.com](http://www.MichiganFreedomFund.com).

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