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Freedom Fund: MEA Busted in Brazen Attempt to Deny Michigan Teachers their Rights

Educators Complain that State's Largest Teachers Union Conspiring to Eliminate Teachers' Rights

LANSING, MI, August 20, 2015 –Michigan Freedom Fund President Terri Reid issued the following statement today after revelations that the Michigan Education Association, the state's largest teachers union, has been conspiring to prevent the state's teachers from exercising their legal rights:

"There is no organization in the state more hostile to teachers than the Michigan Education Association. The MEA is absolutely shameless in their attempts to strip teachers of their rights and freedoms, while draining educators' bank accounts to stuff Steve Cook's wallet. It's no wonder teachers are abandoning the MEA at a record pace."

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan, Michigan-based think tank, today [exposed an MEA scheme](#) to keep teachers locked into the union against their will by secretly changing the P.O. Box address to which they require teachers send their opt-out notices.

In addition to the MEA's secret change-of-address scheme, the union continues to violate rulings from an administrative law judge and the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC), which unanimously ruled in June that Michigan teachers have the freedom to choose whether or not to join a union 365 days of the year, not only in the month of August.

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