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# SEIU Bosses Can Immediately Improve Workers' Pay by Capping Their Own

**LANSING, MI, April 15, 2015** –The Michigan Freedom Fund today called on Big Labor bosses at the SEIU to put their money where their mouth is by immediately cutting their own salaries in order to lower union dues requirements of members across Michigan.

The SEIU is organizing protests in Detroit today demanding that the government force job makers to dramatically increase wages for entry level workers, killing jobs and driving up costs on consumers, when the union has the power itself to immediately increase take-home pay for workers without any government action.

“It’s time the one-percenter union bosses at the SEIU finally put Michigan workers first and cap union leader wages at \$15 per hour,” said Freedom Fund President Greg McNeilly.

“Instead of exploiting Michigan workers to line their own pockets, we are calling on SEIU bosses to cap their own wages at \$15 an hour to show solidarity with workers and return millions to their members’ paychecks.”

According to reports filed with the Office of Labor Management Standards, SEIU bosses raided union dues for more than \$54 million in personal compensation in 2013.

While they use minimum wage protests to sign up new union members with the false promise of \$31,000 per year jobs, SEIU President Mary Kay Henry and Treasurer Elisio Medina each raid those members’ dues payments for nearly \$300,000 in annual compensation.

Michigan workers are seeing through union boss gimmicks and taking control of their own paychecks. According to recent 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.

Michigan Freedom Fund is a nonprofit organization run by Michiganders for Michiganders, working to advance, promote, and protect Michigan workers’ Constitutional rights. For more information on the Freedom Fund, please visit [www.MichiganFreedomFund.com](http://www.MichiganFreedomFund.com).

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