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WORKER ADVOCATE: OBAMA NLRB NOMINEE "EXTREME THREAT" TO EMPLOYEE FREEDOM

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IN RECENT WEEKS, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA NOMINATED AFL-CIO AND SEIU UNION LAWYER CRAIG BECKER TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD (NLRB), THE QUASI-JUDICIAL AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS FEDERAL LABOR LAW. SOME OF THE BOARD'S MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS INCLUDE OVERSEEING THE SECRET BALLOT ELECTIONS IN UNION CERTIFICATION DRIVES AND RESOLVING UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES COMMITTED BY UNION ORGANIZERS.

BUT BECKER'S EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PUBLISHED WRITINGS INDICATE HIS EXTREME HOSTILITY TO BOTH THE SECRET BALLOT AND TRUE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE. AS A MEMBER OF THE NLRB, BECKER WOULD LIKELY RUBBER STAMP THE MOST ABUSIVE FORCED UNIONISM SCHEMES COOKED UP BY UNION MILITANTS TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT-MINDED AMERICAN WORKERS TO ACCEPT THEIR "REPRESENTATION" AND PAY DUES.

IN THIS SPECIAL VIDEO REPORT HOSTED AT THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE, COMMITTEE PRESIDENT MARK MIX ANALYZES BECKER'S EXTREME VIEWS. BECKER:

- ⇒ SUPPORTS "HOME VISITS," IN WHICH UNION GOONS REPEATEDLY HARASS WORKERS AT HOME UNTIL THEY SIGN UNION AUTHORIZATION CARDS (SEE [HERE](#) FOR AN EXAMPLE OF THIS INTIMIDATING PRACTICE)
- ⇒ ADVOCATES LETTING GOVERNMENT ARBITERS IMPOSE CONTRACTS ON WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ON WORKERS, WITHOUT EVEN ALLOWING THE WORKERS TO VOTE ON THE CONTRACT (A PRACTICE WHICH EVEN FAR LEFT ICON GEORGE MCGOVERN OPPOSES)
- ⇒ BELIEVES EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED FROM SHARING ANY TRUTHFUL AND NONCOERCIVE INFORMATION WITH EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF UNIONIZATION
- ⇒ ILLOGICALLY AND RADICALLY COMPARES UNION CERTIFICATION ELECTIONS TO US CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS, STATING THAT THE ONLY QUESTION DECIDED IN SUCH ELECTIONS SHOULD BE WHICH UNION GETS MONOPOLY CONTROL OVER WORKERS, NOT WHETHER THEY WISH TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT AND UNION FREE.

WATCH THE FULL VIDEO TO LEARN MORE AT :

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=8IA-L1RASG8&FEATURE=PLAYER_EMBEDDED](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IA-L1RASG8&FEATURE=PLAYER_EMBEDDED)

SOURCE: WWW.NRTW.ORG

VICTORY FOR ABC MEMBERS

LATE LAST NIGHT, THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A \$28 BILLION CAPITOL BILL, TO REPAIR ROADS, BRIDGES AND SCHOOLS, EXT. THIS IS A VICTORY TO ABC MEMBERS BECAUSE THE SENATE REMOVED ALL AND ANY PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (PLA) LANGUAGE FROM THE BILL. THE BILL WILL NOW GO TO THE GOVERNORS DESK FOR APPROVAL. WE ARE EXTREMELY CONFIDENT THAT ORGANIZED LABOR WILL ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE GOVERNOR QUINN TO AMENDATORY VETO THE BILL TO INCLUDE PLA LANGUAGE, HOWEVER, WE WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR OPPOSITION AS WE HAVE FOR THE LAST 72 HOURS.

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SHORTCUTS ARE KILLERS!

MOST OF US HAVE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO DO OUR JOBS WELL, AND MOST OF US DON'T WANT TO HURT OURSELVES OR ANYONE ELSE. WHY THEN DO WE TAKE 'SHORTCUTS,' SETTING UP OURSELVES AND OTHERS FOR INJURY? THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THINGS WE OFTEN DO, EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW WE SHOULDN'T!

1. YOU CAN'T FOOL SAFETY DEVICES - BUT WE REMOVE OR WEDGE BACK SAFETY GUARDS SO THEY WON'T PROTECT US!
2. WE SHOULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE WHEN OPERATING HEAVY EQUIPMENT - BUT WE DON'T USE THE SEAT BELT THAT IS PROVIDED!
3. WE KNOW THAT FLAMES OR SPARKS ARE NOT PERMITTED AROUND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - BUT SOME OF US SMOKE AROUND THEM!
4. A PROTRUDING NAIL IN A GUARD RAIL CAN CAUSE AN INJURY - BUT WE DON'T BOTHER TO REMOVE IT OR BEND IT OVER.
5. HORSEPLAY CAUSES A LOT OF INJURIES ON THE JOB - BUT MANY OF US CONTINUE TO PLAY PRACTICAL JOKES.
6. A CIRCULAR SAW CAN AMPUTATE A FINGER - BUT WE INSIST ON USING THE SAW WITHOUT A GUARD!
7. WE KNOW THE SAFE WAY TO CLIMB A LADDER - BUT WE CLIMB IT WITH ONE HAND FULL OF TOOLS!
8. WE SHOULD WEAR OUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - BUT WE LEAVE OUR GOGGLES STRAPPED UP ON OUR HARD HATS!
9. WE KNOW BETTER THAN TO USE CHEMICALS WITHOUT READING THE MSDS - BUT WE USE THE CHEMICAL ANYWAY!
10. WE SHOULD WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHEN WORKING OVER WATER - BUT WE GO OUT OVER THE WATER WITHOUT ONE!
11. A BUMP OR BRUISE TO THE HEAD CAN REALLY HURT - BUT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITHOUT OUR HARD HATS.
12. IT'S DANGEROUS TO BLOCK FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT - BUT WE STACK BOXES OF MATERIAL IN FRONT OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS!
13. WE KNOW NOT TO WORK WITHIN 10 FEET OF A POWER LINE - BUT THERE'S JUST ONE MORE LOAD OF STEEL TO BE UNLOADED AND IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME!

THIS IS A SHORT LIST, YOU CAN PROBABLY THINK OF A LOT MORE BECAUSE WE ALL, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF TAKING SHORTCUTS. USUALLY IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SAVE SOME TIME. OCCASIONALLY SOMEONE COMES UP WITH AN IDEA THAT WORKS, AND IS A TIME-SAVER. THAT'S GREAT, AS LONG AS SAFETY IS NOT SACRIFICED. YOUR LIFE AND YOUR HEALTH ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO RISK BY TAKING STUPID CHANCES, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT 999 OUT OF 1000 SHORTCUTS ARE - STUPID! GET SMART - THINK SAFETY FIRST - ALWAYS!

DON'T TAKE SHORTCUTS! IF YOU'RE INJURED, THE MINUTE YOU SAVED MAY COST YOU DAYS, WEEKS, OR MONTHS OF RECOVERY TIME.

SOURCE: WWW.TOOLBOXTALKS.COM

**ABCIL'S ANNUAL
CHICAGOLAND
GOLF OUTING**



COST:

- ⇒ INDIVIDUAL GOLF & DINNER \$165
- ⇒ FOURSOME GOLF & DINNER \$600,
- ⇒ DINNER ONLY \$40

COST INCLUDES:

- ⇒ GREEN FEES
- ⇒ LUNCH
- ⇒ ALL BEVERAGES AND ITEMS FROM THE BEVERAGE CART/KEG HOLE
- ⇒ DINNER BUFFET
- ⇒ ONE HOUR OPEN BAR AT DINNER
- ⇒ DOOR PRIZES

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

PRESENTING SPONSOR
\$2,000

T-SHIRT SPONSOR
\$2,000

DINNER SPONSOR \$1,000

BEVERAGE CART
SPONSOR: \$600 EACH (2
AVAILABLE)

DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR \$500
EACH (4 AVAILABLE)

HOLE SPONSOR \$ 250
(18 AVAILABLE)

KEG HOLE SPONSOR \$200

CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR
\$100 PLUS GIFT FOR
CONTEST WINNER

GOODIE BAG
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DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

JUNE 5, 2009

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER COMPLIANCE WEBINAR: THE SECRETS AND INSIGHTS REVEALED!!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS VERY INFORMATIVE WEBINAR PRESENTED BY JEFF RISCH, ABC CHAPTER LABOR ATTORNEY. THE WEBINAR IS JUNE 5TH STARTING AT 7:30 A.M. AND GOING UNTIL 9:00 A.M. JEFF WILL BE TOUCHING ON THE TOPICS OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS, IDOT'S TAKE, PREVAILING WAGE UPDATE, ETC. THE BEST PART...IT'S FREE! TO REGISTER AND GET LOGIN INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT KARI AT 217-523-4692 OR BY EMAIL AT KARI@ABCIL.ORG

JUNE 18, 2009

2009 GRADUATION

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR 2009 GRADUATES AT BELVEDERE BANQUETS, 1170 W. DEVON . ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM. COST: TBD
FOR MORE INFORMATION OF TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT DIANA AT DIANA@ABCIL.ORG

JULY 30, 2009

ABCIL ANNUAL CHICAGOLAND GOLF OUTING

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT PHEASANT RUN RESORT, 4051 EAST MAIN ST. SAINT. CHARLES, IL 60174. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 11:45 AM, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START. DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. (PLEASE SEE THE COST LIST IN THE LEFT MARGIN)

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