



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Venrick,

There are two main ingredients to winning an election: **time and money.**

~~Thanks to the unions, the Left has ample amounts of both.~~

Now, let me be clear: I grew up a union guy. As a free American, I believe if you want to join a union, you should be able to join a union.

My father was a union man; in fact, he was the treasurer of his local Sheet Metal Workers Union. He was proud of that and so was I. And when I worked for the railroad as a young man, I joined the union.

But unions today are not like those to which my father or even I belonged - - today 52% of union members in the U.S. now work for a government and derive their money directly from your pocket.

Now, the biggest boot that stomps on the American people happens to be the big unions that drain public funds and forcibly take money from their members in support of Left-leaning candidates.

**You don't have to take my word for it.** Just ask AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. Referring to President Obama's Ohio, Wisconsin, and Nevada victories in the 2012 election, he said "without organized labor, none of those would have been in the President's column."

Between 1989 and 2014, the top ten political contributing unions alone gave over \$424 million dollars of support to mostly Left-leaning candidates.

That's just 10 of them! And that's what we know – loopholes put in place by members of Congress supported by these unions make it so that they don't have to report these expenditures to the Federal Election Committee like the rest of us citizens do.

For comparisons sake, the "evil" Koch brothers you hear Senator Harry Reid and President Barack Obama ramble on about have only given \$18 million during that time.

And when you factor in unions forcing their members into political activities, the clout of these unions, often at the taxpayers' expense, can be astronomical.

According to the *Wall Street Journal's* large-scale investigation on this matter, the hours spent by union employees on political matters in 2010 (a midterm election) were equivalent to a shadow army much larger than President Obama's entire 2012 re-election staff!

Well, MSLF has caught one of these unions with its hands in the cookie jar, and as we prepare to go to court, the result could have repercussions that may affect our great nation for decades.

In Boise, Idaho, the union and the government politicians who support it have set up a pretty sweet deal for themselves at the taxpayers' expense.

The president of the teacher's union draws a salary from the government coffers, financed by taxpayers like you and me, without teaching one class or providing one bit of service to the children of the school district.

All the union president does is work towards getting more money from you and me for the union members.

The union president makes just as much as a full-time teacher and is eligible for the massive pension fund reserved for the men and women who teach our children.

In other words, taxpayers will be paying for the head of the union until the day he or she dies, even though that individual will not have worked one single day for the local school district.

In addition, all union members are given paid time off for union activities — meetings, protests, and other political activity!

**All of them - - on the taxpayers' dime and in violation of the law.**

The government simply has to pay those teachers, and the substitute teachers they need to hire when the union members ditch their taxpayer-funded responsibilities, whenever the union says so.

To add insult to injury, voters were told relentlessly during election season that without a hike in the property taxes, schools would be forced to cut staff, and class sizes would grow larger.

This treachery by the unions, as it should be, is explicitly forbidden by law.

Now that MSLF has located a specific, actionable incident of this theft of taxpayers'

dollars, we are taking the union to court.

**I cannot emphasize this enough: the results of this court case could shift the political realities of our great nation for decades, and will help shape the country that our children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren grow up in.**

The verdict in this case will set a legal precedent, which will be followed in courts throughout the nation.

If the taxpayers MSLF is representing win, it will strike a resounding blow for freedom, and put conservatives back on even footing with liberals and outright socialists running for office.

**Mr. & Mrs. Venrick, if MSLF loses, I fear that our children may look back on the Obama era as a time of conservatism, before outright socialism completely overwhelmed our great country.**

Quite frankly it's frightening to even think about.

But there is no group that is better equipped to fight this battle than Mountain States Legal Foundation.

The only thing stopping MSLF in our quest for freedom and fair elections are funds. These unions have mountains of money that they forcibly take from their members. Their plan is to wear down the taxpayers, and make it too expensive for them to win this case.

Mountain States Legal Foundation does not get a single dime from the government. We are on our own.

MSLF depends on the generosity and determination of freedom-loving Americans like you. Could you help with a generous, tax-deductible contribution to MSLF for \$104, \$156, or even \$208 to help win this historic case?

Your investment could not be better spent.

You see, for the last 4 decades, MSLF has fought effectively for the conservative, pro-liberty constitutionalism that our country must have to reach the potential that our Founding Fathers saw for us.

Because of the support of determined patriots like you, Mountain States Legal Foundation has:

\*\*\* Won the landmark *Adarand* case before the Supreme Court which outlawed

racial preferences (“In the eyes of government, we are just one race here. It is American.” J. Scalia).

- \*\*\* Fought for three decades for full development of America’s vast energy potential beating radical environmental groups in the process.
- \*\*\* Convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to declare part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act unconstitutional, a law that weakened American businesses.
- \*\*\* Helped restore our 2nd Amendment rights in the Supreme Court by beating the District of Columbia (*Heller*) and Chicago (*McDonald*.) In fact, Justice Alito cited MSLF’s brief as legal authority in his opinion for the Court.
- \*\*\* In 2014, in *Brandt v. The United States of America*, MSLF went toe-to-toe with the Federal Government in a crucial property rights dispute before the Supreme Court, and once again we were victorious!

The one common thread on this wide range of cases: we represent our clients, fighting for liberty, for free.

But we cannot accomplish this without your help.

Please, today, help Mountain States Legal Foundation fight for taxpayers everywhere with a generous, tax-deductible gift of \$104, \$156, or even \$208.

If we lose this case, the outlook for our great country will be dire indeed.

**But victory will strike a blow for freedom that will be heard for generations.**

I hope I can count on you in our country’s hour of need. I hope that I hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



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PS – Our nation is at a crossroads. I am sad to say that many in our country have turned to socialism. And they are cheating their way into public office on your dime. Mountain States Legal Foundation is fighting to put an end to this scandalous behavior. Stopping the abuse of honest citizens by the public sector unions is a fight freedom-loving Americans cannot lie down on. That is why I hop3651e you will support MSLF in this crucial case with a generous, tax-deductible contribution for \$104, \$156, or even \$208.