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Yesterday's Supreme Court Decision in the Janus v. AFSCME Case was expected, and yet I still felt surprised because I truly believed that the working people of this country would not be forsaken by those sworn to uphold justice and the constitution. I was wrong, and so the fight begins, but we are ready.

Within the last 24 hours, attacks on unions like ours have already begun. Anti-union groups such as the Mackinaw Center who use the slogan, MyPayMySay, have already sent out emails to our members encouraging them to stop supporting their union and become a free rider. What they do not say in the e-mail is that the Mackinaw Center is financed and run by Betsy DeVos and her family, and that they, along with the Empire Center, the Freedom Foundation, and the National Right to Work Center will be making phone calls, writing e-mails, and doing house visits to get you to stop paying your dues and contribute to the destruction of your union.

They understand that the NTA's ability to fight for our contract, to protect our member's rights to due process, and to insure they have a safe working environment comes from everyone standing together, using a collective voice, and participating in the NTA. They are hoping that you don't know that if we lose even a single member, the District will see weakness. Our ability to be strong is tied to our ability to stand together, to see beyond ourselves and do what is right for all. We all want good wages, low health care costs, to be able to keep NYSHIP, and to have our workday and our work year defined by a collectively bargained agreement, but they are hoping you are not aware that by listening to them, you will contribute to the loss of everything that our contract provides.

We have been preparing for this day for a long time. Your NTA representatives worked hard this past year to inform all of our members, so you would not be fooled. The NTA is strong today, and it will be strong tomorrow because we are united.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If you receive an email from any anti-union group, please let me know, and then delete it or ignore it. Clicking on any links or replying will just result in these wealthy special interest groups contacting you more frequently.

I hope you have a restful and joy filled summer!

In solidarity,

Stacy Moran