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Rep. Yuko Introduces Employee Free Choice Act

State Representative Kenny Yuko, D-Richmond Heights, has introduced a resolution that would urge Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act.

The Employee Free Choice Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives in March and is now pending in the U.S. Senate, would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the collective bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union as their representative.

The federal legislation would also establish meaningful penalties when an employer violates a worker's freedom to choose a union.

Yuko's House Concurrent Resolution 16 would put the Ohio General Assembly on record as supporting the Employee Free Choice Act.

Yuko, a former union organizer, said the federal legislation would eliminate some of the bureaucracy and intimidation that sometimes goes along with forming a union.

"The importance of unions cannot be over-emphasized," Yuko said. "As my resolution points out, union workers receive better wages and benefits, including health care, and unions have been an important force in narrowing the income gap for minorities and women."

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