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A Disastrous Session for Florida's families but with the Failure of the Worker Gag Bill, the Labor Movement Will Still Have a Voice to Fight Back

The 2011 Legislative Session was one of the most damaging in Florida's history. Working families, the unemployed and the impoverished faced numerous assaults in the continuing drive to make the rich richer and give more power to the powerful. This legislature did nothing to fix our economic problems and create the jobs we desperately need. Fortunately, a brave group of Democrats and Republicans stood up for the basic American principles of fair play and freedom of association to beat back attempts to silence organized labor in Florida. This ensures that workers will still have an opportunity to organize, speak with a unified voice and fully participate in the political process.

In a statement following the conclusion of session on Friday night, Florida AFL-CIO President, Mike Williams said, "These attempts to silence Florida's unions have brought together workers from all walks of life to create the strongest labor coalition in the history of Florida. This coalition will continue to grow and on Monday we will hit the ground running in an aggressive campaign to right the wrongs committed during the past 60-days. We will work with Republicans, Democrats and Independents...anyone who wants to stand up for working people and their families to ensure that everyone has a chance at the American Dream."

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