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The 2017 Florida Legislative Session is kicking off next week with three major anti-working family bills up for a vote in their first committee.

The Senate Community Affairs Committee will be meeting this **Monday, March 6th** to discuss taking away local power from our communities to pass worker friendly ordinances, restricting access to public records and destabilizing the retirement security of our public servants.

Our Senators need to hear your voice in opposition to all three of these bad bills.

Call the following members of the Senate Community Affairs Committee and **tell them to vote NO on SB 534, SB 80 and SB 428.**

 Tom Lee, Chair	 (850) 487-5020
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SB 534, represents one of the biggest threats to local control and working families this session. This bill creates sweeping new preemptions on local governments, restricting their ability to enact and enforce local ordinances designed to help workers and local economic development efforts.

This would make local living wage, prevailing wage and other ordinances illegal on public works projects.

SB 80, would drastically weaken our Constitutional right to public records and make it more difficult for citizens to gain access. The bill would change current law so that if a citizen successfully sues a government agency or official for unlawfully being denied a public records request, they would not be guaranteed reasonable attorneys fees.

This action would deter attorney's from advising in these cases leaving citizens without legal representation and **essentially killing our constitutional right to public records.**

SB 428, is the annual attack on the Florida Retirement System. This bill would limit the employees of any new public entity entering FRS to the Defined Contribution plan (401k type)

and bar them from the Defined Benefit plan (pension). Not only is this limitation bad for the employees, it is also bad for the entire system.

By limiting new participants to the pension fund this bill would drastically weaken the FRS and **put the retirement security of nearly a million workers and retirees at risk.**

Make your voice heard by calling the members of the Senate Community Affairs Committee today. Our Senators need to know, right from the start, that Florida's working families will stand firmly against these types of attacks, every step of the way.

In Solidarity,

Mike Williams, President

Rich Templin, Legislative and Political Director



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