

Federal Right-To-Work Statute Subject Of Congressional Hearings

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On February 8, 2012, the House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, led by Chairman Darrell Issa of California, held a hearing entitled, "The Right to Choose: Protecting Union Workers from Forced Political Contributions." The hearing's purpose was to "examine the process by which union dues are collected and how transparent unions are about this process. . . [was] not an examination of the validity of unions or their right to exist, but rather an effort to ensure that the political activity of unions does not infringe the freedoms of workers." During the hearing, multiple union workers discussed the negative effects of union-security clauses on their lives and employment. The video of the hearing can be found [here](#).

This hearing is independent of the various state led initiatives such as the [Ohio ballot measure](#) and a bill percolating in the [Michigan legislature](#).

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