

Hillsboro-Deering Support Staff, AFT #6219, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO
Serving the students of the Hillsboro-Deering School District

February 8, 2017

Honorable Stephen Schmidt, Chairman
House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee
Legislation Office Building, Room #307
107 North Main Street
Concord NH 03301

Re: Testimony In Opposition to Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 520

Dear Honorable Chairman Schmidt and Committee Members,

My name is Kelly D'Errico. I have worked as a school secretary in the Hillsboro-Deering School District for almost eighteen years. I was born and raised in Hillsboro, attended our schools, raised my children here and proud to call NH my home.

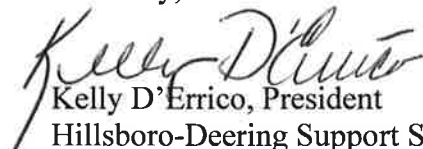
I am equally proud to be the President of the Hillsboro-Deering Support Staff union, which includes more than 60 para-educators, secretaries, office personnel and cafeteria employees. We do have agency fee and I see no reason to justify this so-called Right to Work bill. Most of the employees covered by our contract are union members but it does not matter whether someone is a member or agency fee payer---when they ask for help we give it a 100% effort.

I am writing to urge you to vote against SB 11 and HB 520, the so-called "Right To Work" legislation. It is nothing more than union-busting. Let's move on with issues that matter like dealing with the opioid crisis, funding of our schools and reducing energy costs. This issue was not on the minds of voters this past fall. We know that it is driven by out of state interests. There is no problem, this will not attract one new businesses and really is nothing but smoke and mirrors.

I ask you to vote no on SB 11 and HB 520 and concentrate on maintaining our New Hampshire advantage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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