

# A letter to Governor Bob Taft from Ohio's Public Workers:

Governor Taft:

**Before you sign the Capital Appropriations Bill, we strongly urge you to line item veto the unrelated changes to the public employee collective bargaining law.**

These changes, which have NO relationship to the appropriations bill, were introduced at the last minute without the full understanding of their impact. They are unfair, unjustified and have no rational place in the decision you make today.

If you approve these changes, you will undermine the current labor agreement and derail the positive working relationship forged by you, the State of Ohio and its state employees. You will also undermine the relationship between all public employers and their workforce.

We encourage you to ignore the influence of a small group and stand by the promises and commitment you have made to our members and Ohio's citizens including the 100,000 Ohio members of AFSCME and over one million active and retired union members.

For nearly 20 years, Ohio's public workers and the governments they serve have shared a solid relationship of respect, resulting in a safer, cleaner and more productive environment for all Ohioans. We ask that you remember this long-standing relationship and honor your promises to all Ohioans that support the stable process of collective bargaining in our state.

We urge you to veto the collective bargaining changes.

*It is the right and honorable thing to do.*

Respectfully submitted to  
Bob Taft  
Governor of Ohio



American Federation of State,  
County and Municipal Employees  
Council 8



Ohio Civil Service  
Employees Association  
AFSCME Local 11



Ohio Association  
of Public School  
Employees  
AFSCME Local 4