

Memorandum

To: [District 32 Republican Club](#)

Re: Legislation & Politics

From: Chuck Serio, Legislative Committee Chairman

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Federal

S.2449 – Federal Firearm Licensing Act

Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), aka “Spartacus” and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) have sponsored this bill. The putative is to reduce violence in our society. In practice, it will make it “unlawful for any individual to purchase or receive a firearm unless the individual has a valid Federal firearms license.”¹ The act gives the U.S. Attorney General total discretion to set the standards for receiving the license. The bill also requires a new license for every firearm purchase.² It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

H.R.3463/S.1970 – Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act

Representative Matt Cartwright (D-PA-08) and Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) introduced this bill into their respective chambers on June 25. According to the [National Right to Work Committee](#), “This legislation would force hundreds of thousands of American teachers, police officers, firefighters and other public employees to accept, as their monopoly bargaining agent, a union they never voted for and want nothing to do with.”³ Individual liberty is seriously undermined by this legislation.

Maryland Representatives **Raskin (D-8), Brown (D-4), Trone (D-6), and Ruppertsberger (D-2)** are cosponsors of the H.R. 3463. Maryland Senators **Cardin (D) and Van Hollen (D)** have cosponsored S. 1970.

H.R.2474/S.1306 – Protecting the Right to Organize Act

Representative Robert Scott (D-VA-3) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) are the originators of this attack on individual liberty. While the title of the bill implies that it protects the right of association, it actually negates it.⁴ It effectively repeals Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act that explicitly authorizes state right to work laws. That would mean that private sector employees in the 27 states that have enacted right to work laws would be required to financially

¹ P. Gardner Goldsmith, *Media Research Center*, September 16, 2019

² Ibid.

³ *National Right to Work Newsletter*, September 2019

⁴ *National Right to Work Newsletter*, July 2019

support an organization that they have not joined and with which they disagree in order to keep their jobs.

There are also economic consequences for the country if all twenty-seven state right to work laws were to be effectively nullified. Mark Mix, President of the National Right to Work Committee, recently stated:

Excluding the five states that passed and began enforcing Right to Work laws between 2012 and 2017 from the U.S. total, and considering just the 22 states that had already banned forced unionism in 2007, the Right to Work share of automotive manufacturing grew from 48% to 62% over the next decade.

Real automotive manufacturing GDP in these 22 states grew by 38% from 2007 to 2017, but it fell by 22% in the 23 states that were still forced-unionism as of the end of 2017.

These bills not only diminish liberty, they will also have a negative effect on the economy.

Maryland Representatives **Raskin, Cummings, Trone, Brown, Sarbanes, Ruppertsberger and Hoyer** are cosponsors of the HR 2474. Maryland Senators Cardin and Van Hollen have joined in this attack on liberty and prosperity by cosponsoring S. 1306.