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**SUPA Files *Amicus* Brief With the U.S. Court of Appeals for
the District of Columbia Circuit in *AFL-CIO v. Chao***

(WASHINGTON, DC)—Today, Stop Union Political Abuse (SUPA) filed a brief *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in the AFL-CIO's lawsuit over the new labor union reporting regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor. SUPA was joined on the brief by National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, U.S. Union Watch, and the Republican Issues Campaign.

SUPA's President Linda Chavez said, "These changes are necessary to enable workers to know how their union dues are being spent. This new regulation allows workers to exercise greater scrutiny over the political contributions made by unions—empowering workers to decide for themselves whether their union is supporting the workers' values."

The AFL-CIO lawsuit is a shameless attempt to once again keep the financial misconduct of many unions from public inspection by insuring that the information workers need never sees the light of day.

The brief argues that the regulation from the Department of Labor was not only well founded upon the evidence, but necessary to help protect the 1st Amendment and statutory rights of workers to be free to refrain from supporting politics with their dues.

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Stop Union Political Abuse is a non-profit organization working to educate the public regarding issues related to the political activities of labor unions. SUPA works to insure that all such activities are voluntary and open to public scrutiny.

