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RE: H.R. 993: "Labor Management Accountability Act"

Dear Rep. Boehner:

Stop Union Political Abuse (SUPA) is a grassroots lobbying organization dedicated to rolling back Big Labor's unfair power to force workers to pay for the union bosses' political agenda as a condition of employment. In just 18 months, SUPA has organized nearly 100,000 supporters.

As president of SUPA, I urge you to support H.R. 993, the Labor Management Accountability Act. This bill amends the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) to provide civil penalties for labor unions and officers who refuse to file reports required under the LMRDA. The Secretary of Labor would assess these penalties.

Presently, no civil penalties exist for ignoring the filing requirements of the LMRDA. Consequently, many labor organizations file their forms late and many file up to two years late. In testimony last year before the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, Cameron Findlay, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Labor, testified that "a significant number of unions consistently fail to comply with the statutory requirements that they timely file annual reports with DOL detailing their finances." The Deputy Secretary further stated that for the 2000 reporting year, the latest year for which data was available, over 34% of labor organizations either filed late or failed to file altogether.

By adding penalties for failure to timely file, the incentive for filing on time will increase and union members will be better positioned to know how their union dues are being spent.

Please do all in your power to ensure passage of H.R. 993. SUPA's 100,000 supporters and I will be watching your actions with great interest.

Sincerely,



Linda Chavez