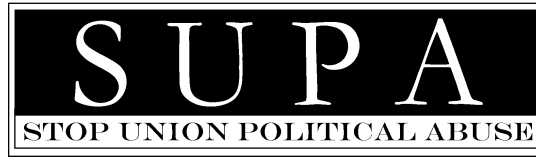


Linda Chavez
President



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Rep. John A. Boehner
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20151-6100

Via Fax

RE: Union Pension Fund Tactics to Oppose Social Security Reform

Dear Chairman 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 union bosses' political agendas as a condition of employment.

As president of SUPA I write to express my support for your efforts to insure that worker pension funds are used for the exclusive benefit of workers. These funds belong to the workers and should not be used as weapons to force employers and brokerage houses to oppose Social Security reform.

Federal law requires fund managers to act solely for the benefit of plan members, 29 U.S. C. § 1104, following what is usually referred to as the "prudent man rule," which stipulates that the manager will act "with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims." 29 U.S. C. § 1104(A)(1)(a) *et seq.*

As you pointed out in your letter to Secretary Chao of March 18, 2005, it is difficult to see how investment decisions based entirely on politics meet the standard of care owed. Trading the future of their members for momentary political gain by promoting the status quo arguably violates this standard.

Further, these efforts fly in the face of strong support among union members for Social Security reform. The Alliance for Worker Freedom recently released the results of a poll conducted on this issue that showing that 60% of union members want a personal account as part of Social Security reform and that 75% considered Social Security as a whole financially unsound. In addition to the fiduciary problems described above the democratic rights of union members to have leaders who support their interests are apparently being ignored as well.

Please do all that you can to insure that these problems are rectified as judiciously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Chavez", is written in black ink over a white background.

Linda Chavez