



**State Representative
Timothy J. DeGeeter**

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Rep. DeGeeter Votes No on Bill to Gut Collective Bargaining Rights

COLUMBUS – The Ohio House of Representatives this afternoon voted to approve Senate Bill 5, legislation which would take away the rights of middle class workers by virtually eliminating collective bargaining. State Representative Timothy J. DeGeeter (D-Parma) voted against the bill, and issued the following statement:

“It is a sad day for families in Ohio and the 15th House District.

Raised in a union family, and representing a legislative district with many working families, I am deeply disappointed to see Senate Bill 5 pass in the Ohio House.

Collective Bargaining works in Ohio and concessions are made. This legislation is an attack on the middle class. Our office received hundreds of calls, letters, and emails expressing strong opposition against this bill. We also received resolutions from Middleburg Heights and Parma City councils and the Berea School District opposing Senate Bill 5.

The aftermath of this bill will clearly show that this is an overreach. I am confident that this vote will not stand up to the test of the people.”