

COMMON SENSE ECONOMICS®

WORKING. FOR A BETTER LIFE **AFL-CIO**

WORKERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Working people in America will no longer accept economic rules written of, by and for the wealthiest few. We refuse to accept the reality of struggling to make ends meet in the richest country in the world at its richest point in history. We can do better. We must do better. And so we demand rights that ensure we are able, through our work, to lead better lives.

Working people demand the right to come home safely at the end of the day. We demand the right to be paid enough to support ourselves and our families. We demand the right to quality health care, paid time off to spend with family, a schedule that is flexible and fair, and protection from discrimination. Finally, after decades of hard work, we demand the right to retire with dignity and security.

We demand a comprehensive Workers' Bill of Rights. Standing together in unions and working with all who share our values, we will make this bill of rights a reality for all working people.

All working people have the right to:

- A Good Job with Fair Wages
- Quality Health Care
- Paid Time Off and Flexible, Predictable Scheduling
- Freedom from Discrimination
- Retire with Dignity
- Education
- Freedom to Join Together
- A Voice in Democracy

WHAT IS COMMON SENSE ECONOMICS®?

Common Sense Economics® (CSE) empowers working people by providing information on critical economic issues and how these issues impact our daily lives. CSE is used to train activists, talk to constituents and educate allies to achieve the vision laid out in the AFL-CIO's Workers' Bill of Rights. CSE is a series of workshops that activates and empowers working people to see themselves in the economy—as experts on their own experience of the economy. It also calls on them to think beyond their individual lives and workplaces, so they can make change in the world they live in and make an impact in their community.

Too Many People Think the Economy is Like the Weather

The debate over raising wages will define the economic future for millions of Americans. CSE empowers working people to engage in the debate by educating them on how our economy works for them and how their actions can improve our economy. Through CSE trainings, working people will play leading roles in campaigns that will lead to realizing the ambitious Workers' Bill of Rights.

CORE ISSUES

CSE is broken down into individual topics, or interactive workshops, based on the following subject areas:

- ➔ Economics 101 (core workshop)*
- ➔ Globalization
- ➔ Immigration
- ➔ Race and the Economy
- ➔ Trade and the Economy
- ➔ Veterans and the Economy*
- ➔ Women and the Economy
- ➔ Young Workers

*denotes a workshop that uses PowerPoint; all others do not require projections or audio setup

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