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Letters to the editor

Paychecks plundered

House Bill 2079 will eliminate the protections of the state's paycheck protection law, which was recently reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Analysts believe the court will favor protecting the rights of nonunion workers from having their paychecks plundered by union officials for politics they do not support. If signed into law, however, this bill could nullify the very protections the court may support.

This shameless, self-serving bill is designed to singularly benefit unions and those legislators whose consciences are incapacitated by union money. It obstructs the First Amendment rights of hard-working citizens by forcing them to pay for politics they do not espouse.

Legislators who support this paycheck- pilfering bill further place our system at the mercy of powerful corporate interests. Unions like the Washington Education Association have become just one more corporate exploiter looking to squeeze the little guy for power, privilege and perks. This bill is just one more example that the teachers union is unconcerned with the rights and dignity of the teachers it represents.

WEA-greased legislators who support this bill apparently regard citizen exploitation a privilege of their elected position and should be opposed at the ballot box. Everyone should oppose this despicable bill. Basic decency, respect and fairness for citizens are at stake.

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