



# Political Action Update

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There is no halfway house to human freedom

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## The legislators are back at the capitol

Anything can happen so stay informed

By Charlie Wishman,

Iowa Federation of Labor Secretary/Treasurer

One of the most interesting reasons I have heard about how Michigan became a "right to work" state was that labor unions were caught off guard. As one leader put it, "the Governor said that he wouldn't sign a law like this, and we were stupid enough to believe him."

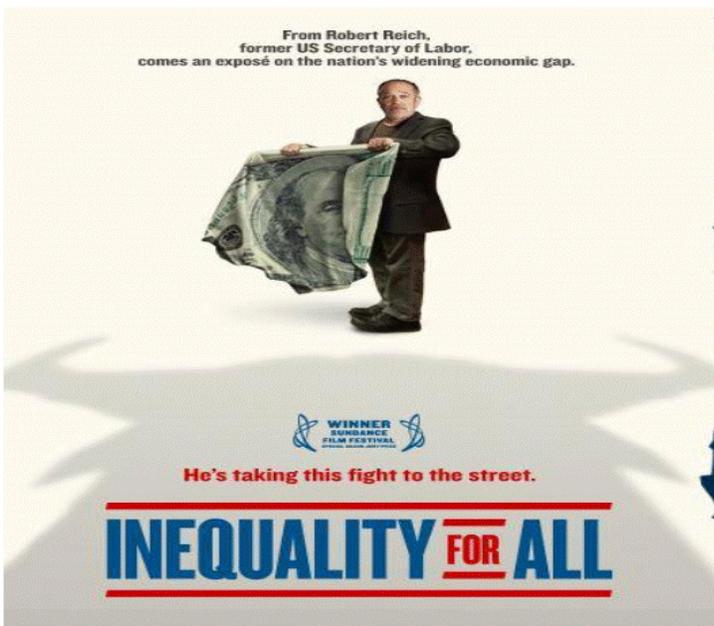
Now that the legislature is back in session, more than ever, we have to watch what's going on for working families. Just because every legislator seems to be saying that this will be a short session, it doesn't mean it will, and it doesn't mean that something bad can't happen.

***"...we have to watch what's going on for working families"***

That's why it's vitally important for you to sign up for our email alerts and the political update. We've been transitioning to an electronic format for the past two years now, and for a good reason. You need to

know right away when something important happens that will impact working men and women and their families.

You need to know when to take action. That phone call or email at the right time to your legislator might make all the difference in saving someone's job - maybe even your own. Make sure you sign up for our email alerts and political update, right away!



Please join us by co-sponsoring these events!

February 13: 12—1 pm

Special screening for Legislators at the Capitol

February 13 at 6:30 pm

Panel discussion—7 pm free showing of the movie—Inequality for all— with post movie discussion.

Please help us publicize these events, and encourage your legislators to attend the noon screening. For more information:

515-262-9571

# LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Cost:** \$150.00

**Registration Cost Includes:** -All Materials  
-Transportation to Capitol on Monday  
-Monday Evening Dinner with Legislators  
-Lunch on Monday and Tuesday

**Make Checks Payable To:** Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

**For Additional Information:** 515-262-9571

**Registration Must Be Received By  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

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# Faster and More - Changes Coming to the Political Update

That is what we intend to do with the changes we are making with the Iowa Federation of Labor Update.

The purpose of the Update is to get political information out on the issues we want to make you aware of, and issues we want you to take action on.

These issues change quickly and we believe the fastest way to get information to you is through the electronic medium.

We have already established The Iowa Labor News, our blog page where news is posted daily, along with other important information. Through this blog we link into the Iowa Daily Labor News that is a magazine style news blast that comes to your email address every morning with lots of news and interesting labor related articles.

We also have a very active faceBook page, that links directly into a Twitter feed.

The Iowa Federation of Labor also hosts a web page on Labor Web, where there is a lot of information stored and issues posted regularly.

Two to three times a week we blast out an Update to everyone on our email lists. This blast will link you back to Iowa Labor News and other pages.

Because we are in a more instant -information age, and we need to get information out quickly, we will be reducing the number of mailed out Updates, and focus more on our electronic versions.

This issue of the Update is centered on this change and show you where you can continue to get information, daily and current.



To make this work, we need you to provide us with current and/or new email addresses. If you can send us your email lists, we will keep them confidential and not share them with anyone else.

It is also important that if you change an email address that we be notified.

As things change, we intend to change with them. We are using as much of the new social media that we can, and will continue to add more and change with what our affiliates' need and want.

Our ability to communicate with you is limited to what form of social media you use, and our ability to communicate with you on that medium.

This means that we need you to "like" us on face book at Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO <https://www.facebook.com/iowaAFLCIO?ref=stream>. Follow us on Twitter at IowaAFLCIO go to our blog page [Iowa Labor News](http://iowalabornews.com/), (<http://iowalabornews.com/>: ) [Iowa Daily Labor News](http://paper.li/iowaAFLCIO/1365022989) (<http://paper.li/iowaAFLCIO/1365022989>) and [Web Page](#)



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**C.O.P.E Convention Date Change**

It has come to our attention that the 2014 Iowa Federation of Labor C.O.P.E Convention has come into conflict with the Political Parties District Conventions.

The Iowa Federation of Labor has made the decision to move the C.O.P.E Convention to May 3 .

Iowa Caucus delegates play a pivotal role in the selection of candidates for Congressional Districts and introducing resolutions .

We encourage all of our members to be active in the Iowa Caucuses and attend the District Convention April 26.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO**  
**2014 Legislative Conference**  
**Prairie Meadows, Altoona, Iowa**  
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**800-325-9015 Code 02092014AFL**  
**www.prairiemeadows.com**  
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**Conference Registration:**  
**Deadline: January 27**  
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**materials, and transportation to**  
**capitol.**

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