Member Talking Points

Core Message

- The Friedrichs case is now being considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. Depending on how it's decided, it could make our entire country right-to-work for all public sector employees.
- What makes America different is that it's about more than low wage jobs; our country is about the
 opportunity to get ahead and prosper.
- The Koch brothers and other extremists are bankrolling the so-called right-to-work push and they are out to cut worker's pay and benefits. They don't care about our community or the impact on the economy.

Talking Points to Include

Our country is about more than just low wage jobs.

- As a LIUNA member I have a good job and a career that allows me to provide for my family. The good wages and benefits I enjoy are because my union negotiated them.
- So-called right-to-work makes it harder for workers to have a voice in the workplace and stand up for their own interests.
- Workers in right-to-work states make thousands a year less than workers who live in states where everyone pays their fair share.
- It will make it harder for public service workers like me to serve our communities; whether it's driving our children's school buses, plowing our roads, or keeping parks clean.

So-called right-to-work is bad for my community and the economy

- Weakening my union puts my paycheck and millions of other workers at risk which can hurt the economy.
- When workers like me can't pay the bills, we can't spend money at grocery stores, restaurants, the gas pump, in local stores or afford to rent or buy a home.
- That puts fewer dollars in our local economy and takes a bite out of the budget for the public services we all depend on like schools, hospitals, parks, roads and school buses.
- My union would have fewer resources to represent more workers and it could stretch the union to the breaking point.

