FREEDOM FOUNDATION FAKING IT

Some Illinois AFSCME members have received mailers at their homes or email at their work email addresses from the so-called "Freedom Foundation", also known as "Opt Out Today".

The Freedom Foundation is a West Coast front group whose self-described mission is "bankrupting and defeating government unions." That would be all of <u>us</u>!

If you get their mailing saying they just want to help you out, keep in mind that what they're really trying to do is push you back:

- **Their real agenda is to spread misinformation and distortions about our union to try to push members to drop out of AFSCME.**

- **They want to weaken public sector unions so we won't be able to keep up the fight to protect public employee pensions, to raise public employee wages, or to improve public employee benefits.**

The Freedom Foundation/Opt Out Today is funded by the same wealthy elite that backs the Illinois Policy Institute, a home-grown band of public employee haters who have led the fight to wipe out our pensions and drive down our wages.

When has a bunch of rich people and big businesses ever gone out of their way—spending millions of dollars on printing and mailing—to help public employees like us?

In fact, the real agenda of these groups is to cut our jobs, lower our pay, deplete our pensions, privatize our work and wipe out our union.

The Freedom Foundation/Opt Out Today is known in other states for invading public employees' privacy with harassment by mail, email, phone, text, and web ads at home or work.

Be on the lookout for any harassing communications from the Freedom Foundation or Opt Out Today. If you receive anything, let your local union and Council 31 know right away.

We're already hearing from members who've gotten these mailings—and dumped them in the trash.

We'll let the Freedom Foundation know that we won't be pushed around and we won't be fooled. It didn't work for Bruce Rauner or the IPI and it won't work for these out-of-state entities either, because we're 100% Union, AFSCME Strong.

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