

## Gov. Pritzker Signs Worker Freedom of Speech Act

Joined by AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea, and CFL President Bob Reiter, Gov. JB Pritzker signed the Illinois Worker Freedom of Speech Act into law Wednesday at the state federation's convention. The new law makes Illinois the eighth state to bar employers from requiring workers to attend mandatory political and religious meetings at work, known as “captive audience” meetings that often take the form of anti-union rhetoric. The act will take effect January 1, 2025. [Click here](#) to listen to NPR's story on the bill, featuring interviews with Chicago area workers who have been subject to captive audience meetings during organizing drives.

