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Dear Senators,

Thanks to you and the rest of the legislature, Missouri became the 28th right-to-work state. Passing this legislation was the culmination of a years-long process, and was a momentous step toward protecting workers' rights.

This is great news for Missourians. They can no longer be forced to join and pay a union as a condition of their employment. In addition to greater worker freedom, right-to-work states have also experienced greater economic growth, job growth and population growth than their non-right-to-work counterparts, because right-to-work states are more attractive for businesses and workers alike.

But there's still work to be done. Public-sector unions that represent state employees are in dire need of accountability, both from their members and from the public at large.

One way to achieve accountability is through union recertification. More than nine in ten union workers nationwide never voted for their union representation. Requiring regular elections to recertify public unions ensures every worker has a voice and keeps unions accountable and competitive to the workers they represent.

Enacting this reform would put Missouri on the cutting edge. Wisconsin and Iowa are the only states that have passed legislation requiring government unions to be recertified. Wisconsin did so in 2011, and Iowa just did so earlier this year. Several other states are also currently exploring this reform, and union recertification legislation was just introduced at the federal level, as well.

Across the country, Americans are realizing the importance of keeping government unions accountable. Because of the importance of this issue to both taxpayers and Missouri workers, we urge you to ask Gov. Eric Greitens to call for an extraordinary session to take up this issue. If union recertification is passed, Missouri could join Wisconsin and Iowa as a model for government union reform. Our state's taxpayers and government workers deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

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