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Dunleavy Administrative Order Latest in Governor's War on Public Employees

The Alaska AFL-CIO Responds to Newest Attack on Alaska's Public Servants and Their Rights

Anchorage, AK: The Alaska AFL-CIO is once again disappointed, but certainly not surprised, in the actions taken by the extreme administration of Governor Dunleavy. His recently released administrative order flies in the face of bargaining in good faith and seeks to violate the First amendment rights of Alaska's public servants.

Time and time again, Dunleavy's attorney general takes an extreme interpretation of the *Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31* US Supreme Court decision. In addition, the Dunleavy administration continues to break the law and the contracts they've agreed to and signed between public employees and the state of Alaska. In fact, the commissioner who deals with the state's unions broke the law yet again in the middle of today's press conference.

"This unending attack on public employees in the guise of protecting their First Amendment rights doesn't pass the red face test," said Vince Beltrami, President of the Alaska AFL-CIO.

"This governor has an abysmal record and the worst approval rating in the country due to his extremist agenda. He has dug himself into a deep hole and instead of just putting the shovel down he jumped into an excavator," said Beltrami. "And the targets of this most recent attack are his own employees. It's shameful to pretend they are looking out for workers. It's all too transparent that this governor is simply in lockstep with the Americans for Prosperity playbook of attacking unions. This is yet another attempt to divide and distract Alaskans from Dunleavy's disaster of an administration and ultimately strip Alaskans of our public services. We won't be divided."

The Alaska AFL-CIO, as the state's largest coalition of working people, with more than 55,000 members, advocates for all of our state's working people.

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