The following was submitted from the Officials Contact form:

Name: Jackie Briggs

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am very disappointed to hear the Village Board passed a "Right to Work" ordinance. Unfortunately I did not hear of this motion until after the Board meeting in December. I am against these in general and don't understand why this ordinance is necessary for Lincolnshire. I certainly hope this ordinance is not challenged in court.

Sincerly,
Jackie Briggs
The following was submitted from the Officials Contact form:

Name: Rich Fahy

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Comments: Dear Mayor and Trustees: Tonight my family and I are attending a show at the Marriott Theater. We are going with 16 people friends and family. Normally, we’d have a drink prior to the show and then dinner afterwards, all in Lincolnshire. I wanted to let you know that due to your blatant disregard for the working people of this state and your recent right to work vote, we will not spend a penny in your town this evening. Quite frankly the only reason I’m still going is that the tickets were already purchased when you passed the ordinance (I also understand the musicians at the theater are union members).

Please tell Wildfire(as will I)that we will miss their great food, and in turn, they will miss the several thousand dollars my family and friends spend there each year.

Rich
An Open Letter to the Lincolnshire Mayor and Trustees

12/19/15

Dear Village Officials:

It was as though a dagger had pierced my heart upon hearing on the radio that you all, with one notable exception, had declared the Village of Lincolnshire a right to work zone. I had no idea this ideological battle was taking place within walking distance of my home, until it was a done deal. Had I known, I would have stood with those opposing this vote, a vote which does nothing but further weaken worker unions, as though they haven’t been having a hard enough time for last several decades. It makes no sense for any worker to not want to be represented by a workers union, unless he or she is an agent provocateur, or a union hitch hiker. It is precisely in these times that we need stronger union representation for workers, not weaker representation. The disparity in wealth in the United States has reached unprecedented proportions, partly due to union busting tactics over the last thirty five years, as well as the implementation of the trickle down theory of economics. Looking back in time, it is important to note that the top marginal tax rate on ordinary income has dropped in the last 60 years from 91% during the Eisenhower administration, to 35% in 2009. The capital gains tax dropped from 25% to 15% in that same period of time. This trend of lowering taxes on those with the most, precipitated a huge transfer of wealth upward, and the middle class was left holding the tab. In addition, many social services, assets and functions were privatized and/or deregulated, such as prisons, schools, health care facilities, etcetera, allowing those benefitting from the tax breaks to capitalize on providing these services to the middle class, services previously paid for and shared by all. To add insult to injury, our infrastructure was left to crumble, because of the tight money supply. In addition to paying less in taxes, the businesses benefitting from deregulation were allowed to operate with impunity, such as the S&L banks in the 80’s, as well as the big banks in the 2000s, thus leading to the great recession. In order to live in a stable society, workers need to earn enough to provide for themselves and their families, and they should earn enough to be able to purchase the goods and services they provide for others. This is where worker unions come in, worker unions balance the interests between business owners and workers. FDR understood this, and in his time, he persuaded the business class to go
This is an enquiry email from:

Mike Perry  <[redacted]>

I often go to the Marriott Lincolnshire and other restaurants in your town. I will not step foot in Lincolnshire until RTW is overturned -- something you didn't want a legal opinion on. What great leadership!
This is an enquiry email from:

Andy - [Redacted]

Your approval of right to work in your area is illegal and unfortunate as it is a poison for your town. How dare you try and destroy good paying jobs just as our governor wants you to do to make corporations record profits.
This is an enquiry email from:
Jackie Nielsen

Shame on Lincolnshire! Who would have thought this progressive community would be the first to enact such horrible legislation, designed to destroy unions and the middle class.

We live in Libertyville and frequent the Marriott theatre, the movie theatres, and several of your restaurants. No more! We will do everything we can to convince our friends and neighbors to stay away.

The joke (I am a labor lawyer) is that you have made a gesture which will turn out to be only symbolic, as the ordinance is clearly illegal and will likely be enjoined very soon. So you will not receive whatever benefit you thought this would give you, but so long as that ordinance is on the books your businesses will suffer. I hope they appreciate the holiday gift.
This is an enquiry email from:
Tom Boyd - [redacted]

My wife and I recently moved to Vernon Hills from Hawthorn Woods but before we decided on Vernon Hills, we looked at several residences in Lincolnshire. We did not find anything in your village but we also had the feeling there was just something about Lincolnshire that was just not right. I feel like we dodged a bullet after learning of your village's plan to institute a likely illegal plan to make it a very anti-union "right to work" village. Now we can say we live in Vernon Hills, not "Potterville," which is the name of your village now. I will never refer to your anti-union village's name other than a well deserved "Potterville."
The following was submitted from the Officials Contact form:

Name: David W. Kennedy

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: Right to work laws do not make for cheaper projects. They allow cut rate and fly by night vendors to undercut legitimate local vendors by supplying less than top quality labor and products. Please reconsider.
The following was submitted from the Officials Contact form:

Name: Michael Andel

E-Mail Address: [redacted]

Comments: To whom it may concern,

The right to work zone that was approved yesterday by your town is wrong and hurtful to the working men and women of Limcolnshire. I am a union representative for the IBEW covering nearly 1200 workers in the northern suburbs of Illinois. My peers represent the other 5,500 members of our local. I will quickly spread the word to boycott ALL businesses in your town via social media, our website, and directly to our membership. It is also my intention to share this with my fellow delegates at the Chicago Federation of Labor. It is my sincere hope that you will quickly change your position on the right to work zone in your town. Bruce Rauner is using your town as a pawn in his pathetic attempt to destroy the working class in Illinois. Please feel free to contact me.

Michael Andel
Chief Steward
IBEW local 21
This is an enquiry email from:
Jeffrey Rabin - [redacted]

As a village resident who has had to negotiate against unions, and who has represented union members, I am outraged that the Village entered into this legal morass. What place do my tax dollars have being spent on right to work laws that are more appropriately addressed at the state and federal levels. I am sure Gov. Rauner will applaud your loyalty but this was truly a wrongful waste of taxpayer dollars and elected official time. While I was elected to public positions in Deerfield in the past I have avoided Lincolnshire politics since moving her 8 years ago. Now it's time to get involved again to prevent more political grandstanding with taxpayer money by posturing politicians who are accomplishing nothing. This appears to have been little more than you carrying water for the governor and you did a fine job. Realistically, you accomplished nothing which helps this Village. Jeff Rabin - [redacted] Lincolnshire