

New Business Item # 2

Action:

MFPE shall endorse the Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021 by:

- Signing on to the AFL-CIO *Pass the PRO Act* campaign
- Participating in the April 26 - May 1 national week of action
- Sending a letter to Senator Tester thanking him for co-sponsoring and urging him to vocally champion the PRO Act
- Sending a letter to Senator Daines urging him to pass the PRO Act
- Providing a press release
- Promoting the campaign on social media

Rationale:

MFPE members showed up in February in the face of “right-to-work” legislation threatening workers’ right to organize in our state. We know RTW laws are wrong for Montana because they’re wrong for workers everywhere, yet it remains law today in 27 states and counting.

The Protecting the Right to Organize Act ends the threat of “right-to-work” nationwide, solidifying our victory in February in solidarity with our union siblings fighting against RTW in their own states. It’s time to protect the right to organize.

As MFPE national affiliates AFT, NEA, and AFL-CIO have endorsed the PRO Act, it is appropriate that MFPE publicly supports this legislation.

Estimated Budget Impact: This NBI can be achieved with existing resources in the proposed budget.

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