

WHEN IT COMES TO OUR STUDENTS, WHO DO YOU TRUST?



OUR UNION...



THEIR FREEDOM FOUNDATION...

- **ADVOCATES** for smaller class sizes
- **ADVOCATES** for safe learning conditions
- **ADVOCATES** for fully funded public schools
- **ADVOCATES** for quality professional growth and evaluation tools
- **ADVOCATES** for educator voice in education policy
- **ADVOCATES** for collective action
- **ADVOCATES** for employment rights in every community
- **REPRESENTS** 44,000 Oregon educators

- **OPPOSES** smaller class sizes
- **OPPOSES** investing in infrastructure
- **OPPOSES** increased funding for public schools
- **OPPOSES** fair evaluations for educators
- **OPPOSES** educators having a voice in education policy decisions
- **OPPOSES** union members' right to organize, collective bargaining and other worker rights
- **OPPOSES** increases to the minimum wage
- **REPRESENTS** extremist out-of-state political groups and corporate foundations

Since 1858, the Oregon Education Association and its local Affiliates have been representing our state's public school employees and advocating for Oregon's public schools and students.

Now, extremist political groups like the Freedom Foundation (AKA, Choice for Teachers) are attacking our right to advocate for students. They claim they're on the side of workers, but it's clear the Freedom Foundation doesn't support us. They are fighting against us and aim to silence our voice and what's important to us and our students. This past November, the Freedom Foundation actively worked to defeat Measure 97 here in Oregon, taking the side of corporate special interests — not educators.

THE FREEDOM FOUNDATION'S AGENDA:

WEAKEN PUBLIC-SECTOR UNIONS IN FAVOR OF CORPORATIONS AND WEALTHY CEOs

"Stop what you're doing and make sure the focus is on unions — defunding them, marginalizing them, dismantling them, all of that."

— Tom McCabe,
Freedom Foundation CEO, quoted
by Anne Marie Gurney



"... large declines in union membership experienced by states like Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana ... The Freedom Foundation is happy to oblige."

— Freedom Foundation website

The Freedom Foundation is funded by wealthy corporate foundations, including political groups affiliated with the billionaire Koch brothers. The Foundation's agenda is clear: weaken public-sector unions and swing the balance even more in favor of corporations and wealthy CEOs. The Freedom Foundation has also joined a coalition in Oregon that is working to cut the "retirement, disability and health insurance fund" of Public Workers.



KOCH BROTHERS

OEA members are powerful advocates for our students and what they need to be successful — qualified educators, small class sizes, and sustainable, meaningful investments. The Foundation opposes these things and makes inflammatory statements about the work we do.



An IRS complaint has been filed against the Freedom Foundation alleging it is an overtly partisan organization engaging in activities prohibited for nonprofit organizations.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR EVERY STUDENT AND EDUCATOR:

"Educator voices are absolutely critical - especially where students are concerned. The Freedom Foundation's mission is to silence our voices, divide us, and limit our ability to stand up for our students and public education. We will not allow them to weaken us and will continue to work together to ensure quality learning and working conditions for every student, and every educator." — C. John Larson, OEA President

