



# Big business wants to shut you up!

**Tell lawmakers: Don't let Big Business silence educators!**

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**Louisiana faces a lot of problems in this legislative session:**

- A 1.6 billion budget hole that must be filled by June 11.
- The sixth standstill MFP in seven years.
- Colleges and universities threatening to close their doors.
- A health care house of cards that puts federal funding in jeopardy.
- Crumbling roads and bridges that pose a risk to public safety.
- Runaway tax breaks that cost the state much more than they bring in.

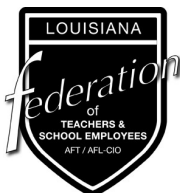
**With all those problems facing lawmakers in this fiscal session, what does the big business lobby say is Louisiana's most important issue?**

**Abolishing payroll deduction of union dues for teachers and school employees!** That's right. The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry says that making it harder for teacher unions to collect member dues is its top priority this year. Dozens of credit unions, insurance companies and other organizations will continue to have that privilege.

Unions like the Louisiana Federation of Teachers have raised questions about the Common Core State Standards, about standardized testing, and about the wholesale privatization of our schools. We have opposed inaccurate and unfair ways to label teachers and schools. We have advocated for positive changes that reclaim the promise of a great public education for all children.

**And that's why Big Business wants to shut us up!**

Please take action today! Visit the LFT Website at <http://la.aft.org> and send a message to your Senator and Representative. Tell Big Business it's time to concentrate on the issues that cause real harm to the people of Louisiana.



## Louisiana Federation of Teachers

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