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**[Member Interviews Available]**

**SEIU Local 73 members in Illinois and Indiana vow to stick together against Governor Rauner and his friends behind Janus v. AFSCME: “No Court case will stand in our way”**  
*Redouble efforts to unite more working people in unions, hold politicians accountable for creating good, union jobs*

**Chicago** – Members of Local 73 joined their brothers and sisters across the country today to declare their resolve to stick together in their union. Even though the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a long-expected decision in the *Janus* case that was backed by anti-worker extremists like Governor Rauner and the Illinois Policy Institute seeking to divide them, SEIU members remain dedicated to sticking together, uniting more working people in unions and holding politicians accountable for creating more good, union jobs.

“Nothing’s going to stop my co-workers and I from fighting for good, union jobs and quality education of our most vulnerable children. I won’t let Governor Rauner take away my pension, health insurance, and my job security,” said Kim Akins, Special Education Classroom Assistant with Chicago Public Schools and steward at SEIU Local 73. “We’re proud to stand strong with our brothers and sisters across Illinois and the nation. Together we rise!”

LOCAL 73 members will be using [#WeRise](#) on social media to show their unity in the face of the Supreme Court’s decision. Working people who are organizing to win their unions are also using the hashtag to publicly call for more good, union jobs.

SEIU members, Fight for \$15 and all union activists know that when working men and women join together in union, they gain the power in numbers to raise wages, win affordable healthcare and make a dignified retirement possible.

“This decision is yet another example of how billionaires, Governor Rauner and his buddies, rig the system against working people, but SEIU members won’t let the extremists behind this case divide us,” said SEIU Local 73 Co-Trustee Dian Palmer. “We will stay united, help working men and women who are fighting to form unions and elect a new governor in Illinois in 2018 to do everything in our power to make it easier for working people to join together in unions.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*