



OCSEA members say no court decision changes the fact that public sector unions give workers a powerful voice to speak up for themselves, their families and their communities. Despite a U.S. Supreme Court reversal of a lower court ruling in *Janus v. AFSCME*, which overturns a long-standing precedent that allowed public sector employees to come together in strong unions, OCSEA members are vowing that they are Sticking With the Union! Why? Because unions work!



**"Corrections employees, highway workers, teachers and police officers deserve our respect, not these attacks. That's why we'll never quit advocating for them and helping them to build power together,"** Workers are rising up like never before in this country to demand that the nation put workers before wealth." OCSEA President, Chris Mabe

**"It's not like wages are climbing on their own or that health care is becoming more affordable. OCSEA workers need the ability to come together for good-paying jobs and better wages."** OCSEA Vice President, Kelvin Jones

**"Our politicians should be making it easier to join unions, not harder. This country needs unions more than ever."** OCSEA Treasurer, Kathy Stewart

**"I was one of the thousands of workers who took to the streets to protest Senate Bill 5 "What I saw was Ohioans supporting public employees and our ability to come together for safer staffing levels and safety on the job. That was a powerful testimony and another reason why union members like me are resolving to stand strong together."** Karen Ryther, Disability Claims Adjudicator for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (Columbus)

**"Strong unions make our communities stronger. They're the best—and sometimes the only— route to the middle class. Public sector union jobs are often the best jobs in small towns and cities across Ohio."** Jim Larocca, Ohio Lottery (Cleveland)

**"My union contract gives me the freedom to focus on my family when they get sick. That's what real freedom is. With paid leave, I can give my family the attention they need, knowing that my work won't suffer. That's why I'm sticking with the union."** Stephani Clevenger-Murphy, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Columbus)

**"I'm standing strong with the union because my union helps us gain vital protections for workers, giving us a voice when it comes to health and safety provisions in the workplace. When Ohio's prisons are safe, and have sufficient staff, so are our communities."** Eric Kusky, Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction (Youngstown)

**"Having a union has opened up so many opportunities for me. My union's vast education programs have given me, and so many like me, the resources to be a more effective and highly-skilled public worker. My union knows, when we invest in workers' education and career advancement, everyone benefits."** Gina Jackson, BWC (Cleveland)

**"Collaborative efforts between union workers and the State of Ohio—as in the case of Ohio's Move Over law—make roadways safer for first responders, highway workers and the traveling public."** Bret Pitts, ODOT (Sidney)

**"The union difference is clear. Unions, and the good benefits they afford, attract the best workers. Public service is a calling, and we all have a passion for our careers, but no matter how much we love it, a low-paid job with little security is unsustainable."** Jill Tummler-Mackenzie, Industrial Commission (Cincinnati)