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Virginian Voters Condemn EFCA in Gubernatorial Race

Opposition to the Employee Free Choice Act propels McDonnell to Victory

Washington, D.C. — The Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF), an organization established in 2003 to combat anti-worker legislation and promote free and open labor markets, would like to congratulate Republican Bob McDonnell on his gubernatorial victory in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Although the battle for Virginia's governorship was fought on a host of different issues, McDonnell's opposition to the Employee Free Choice Act served as a lightning rod for his campaign. As one Washington Post headline indicates- *McDonnell Can't Wait to Talk about Card Check*- McDonnell brought up EFCA as much as possible, using the bill to contrast himself with his Democratic opponent, Creigh Deeds.

“Other Gubernatorial, Representative, and Senatorial candidates would do well to learn from Governor McDonnell, who proved that not only is opposition to EFCA good policy but it is a position that translates into votes,” said Brian Johnson, Executive Director for the Alliance for Worker Freedom. Johnson added, **“The threat of EFCA has thrust labor policy to the main stage. It is now one of the most important issues for Americans; people don't want to be bullied into unions.”**

After accepting significant amounts of money from labor unions, Deeds hands were tied. He couldn't support the bill because a majority of Virginians opposed it and he couldn't condemn it because he was pocketing money from big labor. Where Deeds seemed wishy-washy, never condemning EFCA, only “expressing concerns” over the bill, McDonnell's clearly articulated his hostility to EFCA saying, “I'll use every resource of my office to speak out strongly on behalf of the business community, and against card check.”

“You are either for or against EFCA. This is not a hard choice for voters who will overwhelmingly side with politicians that support freedom and choice, politicians that oppose EFCA,” said Johnson.

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