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New Report Confirms “Right to Work” Would Harm Missouri’s Middle Class *Report warns of severe economic losses, higher poverty rates*

Recently, Dr. Michael Kelsay, an economics professor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, conducted a study in which he examined the economic impact that proposed “Right to Work” laws would have on the state of Missouri. His conclusions confirm that “Right to Work” would have a devastating impact on Missouri’s economy and hurt Missouri’s middle class families.

Highlights from Dr. Kelsay’s study include:

- “Right to Work” would result in an **economic loss** of between **\$1,945 and \$2,547 annually** per household for Missouri families.
- Missouri workers combined would **lose** between **\$4.58 and \$6.0 billion annually** as a result of lower wages.
- State, local, and county jurisdictions would **lose** between **\$82.14 and \$107.56 million annually** in lost sales tax collections as a result of lower wages.
- The State of Missouri would **lose** between **\$137.28 and \$179.89 million annually** in income tax revenue as a result of lower wages.
- “Right to Work” states had a **higher percentage of their population living below the poverty level** in 2012 than states without these laws.
- “Right to Work” states had **lower per capita GDP growth** in 2012 than states without these laws.
- “Right to Work” is **not** an important factor for where businesses decide to locate.

Dr. Kelsay’s study indicates that states which implement “Right to Work” laws **do not experience an influx of business relocations or economic benefits.**

If Missouri became a “Right to Work” state, middle class workers would see their incomes shrink, and state, local, and county governments would lose millions in tax revenue due to these lower wages. It is clear that “Right to Work is WRONG for Missouri families.

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