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STATEMENT FROM AFGE 238 PRESIDENT JOHN J. O'GRADY ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S JANUS V. AFSCME DECISION

CHICAGO, IL (June 27, 2018) – Today, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the rich and against the middle class. Finally, the Republicans and the rich have succeeded in dealing perhaps a death-blow to Unions by first stacking the High Court with like-minded capitalists, and now benefiting from a decision that leaves workers with the “right to work for less” and “right to be an at-will employee.”

Study after economic study has demonstrated a strong link between strong labor unions and a viable middle class. That will now change. So, despite a booming stock market complete with billionaires buying political office, the middle class that has been struggling just to make ends meet will soon die a capitalist death. Ah, the joy in America's Board Rooms!

While the wages of working women and men have remained largely stagnant, their debt has been growing daily, not to mention that they are not putting enough away for retirement. The President's tax cuts will soon place an additional unfair burden on workers in this country. After all, they were written to benefit the rich in this country.

The economy will soon begin to spiral downward because President Trump is waging economic war with the rest of the world. Further, Americans will not have the money to buy the products that corporations produce, let alone pay the rent, food bill, and utilities. Even Henry Ford knew better! Remember that in 1914, Henry Ford announced that he would pay his employees \$5.00 a day, over twice the average wage for automakers in 1914. In addition, he reduced the work day from 9 hours to 8 hours.

There are no Henry Fords left in this country, just egoists who are working hard to bring us all back into yet another gilded age.

Congratulations you greedy bastards. Within ten years we will have another civil war in this country between the rich and everyone else. Perhaps a good investment would be the ammunition, funeral, and weapons industries?

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