Questions to Ask a Union Organizer

Before signing anything or voting, it's important to get clear answers to serious questions. If a union organizer approaches you, consider asking:

• Wages & Benefits

- o Can you guarantee in writing that our wages will go up if the union is voted in?
- o Can you guarantee in writing that our current benefits will improve?
- o Will you show us those guarantees before we vote?

• Dues & Fees

- o How much are dues? Will they be taken directly from our paychecks?
- \circ What about other fees or fines, who decides those and when?

• Union Membership Requirements

 Will you promise in writing that we won't be forced to join the union or pay dues to keep our jobs?

• Getting Out of the Union

 If we vote for the union and later want out, how long will that take? What's the process?

Contract Timeline

 \circ Can you promise in writing we'll have a contract by summer or the end of 2025?

• Strikes

- If there's a strike, do I have to join even if I don't want to?
- Will I get unemployment or strike pay? How much? Will you put all of that in writing?

Accountability and Transparency

 How are union leaders and stewards chosen, and how can they be held accountable?

 Can union leaders and stewards be removed if members are unhappy with their performance?

Serious questions deserve serious answers.

