



JANUS V. AFSCME



What's at stake?

The protections and health coverage negotiated for you by your union can literally save your life. Just ask Michael Desing of the Lake Shore Central Teachers Association.

In 2014, Michael was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer after doctors discovered a tumor in his nasal cavity. They called it “a ticking time bomb.”

But thanks to his union, Michael also found some peace in knowing that:

- His treatment would not bankrupt his family. Under the terms of his union-negotiated health insurance plan, all he had to pay was \$500 of the \$1 million in health care bills he incurred during treatment.
- He didn't need to worry about losing his job during his long recovery away from the classroom thanks to the leave protections secured by his union.
- He had an abundant supply of sick time, thanks to the sick days donated to him by his colleagues under a provision won by his union in collective bargaining.
- And, if he were to die, his family would be taken care of — covered by a death benefit also won by his union.

Fortunately, Michael Desing beat cancer. And, now, he stands as living proof that what's at stake in *Janus v. AFSCME* — the case now before the Supreme Court that could destroy public unions for generations — is literally a matter of life and death.

***Protect our voice, our values, and our union.
Sign your union card today.***



“IF I DIDN'T HAVE THIS UNION, I WOULD'VE LOST MY HOME AND MY JOB. IF CANCER HADN'T DESTROYED ME, IT WOULD'VE STILL RUINED MY LIFE. FINANCIALLY I WOULD'VE NEVER RECOVERED.”

— MICHAEL DESING, LAKE SHORE CENTRAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

