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HAPPENING NOW

Our Voting Rights are Being Erased

This week, Congress will hold a vote on the [Voting Rights Advancement Act \(H.R. 4\)](#), introduced by Congresswoman Terri Sewell. This bill would restore key protections of the Voting Rights Act, which was gutted by the Supreme Court in 2013.

Since the Supreme Court's ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, [many states have passed Republican-backed legislation to roll back voting rights](#). For example, some states have shortened early voting windows and increased their use of photo identification requirements. These decisions have affected working families the hardest and point to the critical need for H.R. 4.

Voting rights are workers' rights. CWA urges Congress to vote YES on H.R. 4 and ensure that working families, who rely on these protections to participate in our democracy, can have their voices heard.

CALLS TO ACTION

The PRO Act Protects Our Right to Form a Union

When workers stand together to organize, mobilize, and strike, we can build power and win the wages, benefits, and working conditions we need and deserve. But that can be extremely difficult when our current laws keep the balance of power tilted in favor of CEOs and the super-rich. The *Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act* (H.R. 2474) is historic legislation that will put power in the hands of workers and reverse decades of legislation meant to crush unions.

Before Sara Steffens became the Secretary-Treasurer of CWA, she was a journalist at the Contra Costa Times where she and her coworkers fought to form a union. Three weeks later, management fired her and 28 of her coworkers. Hear her story and learn how the #PROAct will help us fight

back: https://twitter.com/cwa_political/status/1197577077131816960

LABOR CHAMPIONS



Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12)

Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman represents New Jersey's 12th congressional district. She previously served as Assemblywoman in the New Jersey State Assembly and was the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress from the state of New Jersey.

The Congresswoman recently [spoke on the floor about the PRO Act](#) because she knows how important it is for workers to have a voice. She [sponsored a briefing opposing the T-Mobile/Sprint merger](#) because working families would be affected

the most. During the Verizon strike, [**she came out to a picket line to support our Union family**](#) and cheered on working people for pushing back against greed in this country.

DEEP DIVE

[**Environmental Organizers Aren't Just Fighting the Climate Crisis, They're Fighting to Unionize \[Article\]**](#)

[**Some Democrats see political system overhaul as winning 2020 Issue \[Article\]**](#)

[**Nancy Pelosi Pushes The House To Pass USMCA But Neglects A Bill With Broad Support To Strengthen Unions \[Article\]**](#)