

The Real McCain



“We must streamline our workforce... and not let good workers be crippled by the fine print of the latest union contract.”

– John McCain, 2007

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“I know NAFTA was a good idea. It’s created millions of jobs.” - 2008

“We are disappointed the Senate seems determined to defy the President on the issue of Mexican trucks ...” -2001

Opposed transit workers right to collectively bargain - 1987

The right to unionize is “class warfare.” - 1996

McCain Against Transit Labor Rights



- Transit workers' labor rights have been protected for 43 years by a law referred to as "13(c)"
- 13(c) labor protections are among America's strongest protections for workers—defending bargaining, pensions, safety, and ensuring employment for transit workers

McCain Against Transit Labor Rights



- **McCain voted against 13(c) labor rights** [Gramm Amdt. to H.R. 2, 2/04/87]
- **This attack on workers endangers the rights of over 320,000 urban, rural, and suburban transit employees**

McCain Against Transit



- **Vocal opponent of transit funding.** [H.R. 3, Vote #220, 7/29/05; H.R. 2360, Vote 184, 7/14/05; S. 107, Vote #14, 2/12/04; Veto Override to H.R. 2, 4/2/87]
- **In 2005, was one of four Senators to oppose the largest transit spending bill in American history**
[H.R. 3, Vote #220, 7/29/05]
- **Voted against job creation bills for transit workers**
[S. Amdt. 358 to S.Con.Res. 23, Vote #79, 3/21/03; H.R. 1335, Vote #105, 4/21/93; HR 1718, Vote #19, 3/03/83]

McCain Against Transit



- **Repeatedly opposed repairing crumbling transit systems and bridges** [Press Release, Statement of Senator John McCain on H.R. 3, The Highway Bill, 5/12/05; Press Release, S.2537, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2005: Objectionable Provisions, 9/15/04 ; Press Release, “Pork Barrel Spending in Homeland Security Appropriations Bill,” 7/28/03; S. Amdt. 358 to S.Con.Res. 23, Vote #79, 3/21/03; Veto override to H.R. 2, 4/2/87; HR 1718, Vote #19, 3/03/83]
- **Supports privatizing mass transit** [S. 667, 4/30/97]

McCain Supports Foreign Bus Service



- **Supports unsafe foreign buses traveling on U.S. roads** [S.Amdt. 1180 to H.R. 2299, Vote #254, 7/27/01; S. Amdt. 1168 to H.R. 2299, Vote #253, 7/27/01; S. Amdt. 1025 to H.R. 2299, Vote #252, 7/26/01; S. Amdt. 1065 to H.R. 2299, Vote #250, 2/25/01]
- **“We are disappointed the Senate seems determined to defy the President on the issue of Mexican trucks ...”**
-McCain in 2001
- **“This is not really about safety; this is about ... labor flexing their muscles.”**
-McCain in 2001

Weakened Transit Security Programs After 9/11



- **Against transit anti-terrorism programs** [S. Amdt 3034 to S.Con.Res.83, Vote #59, 3/16/06]
- **Repeatedly opposed transit security program improvements** [S. Amdt. 1205 to H.R. 2360, Vote #186, 7/14/05; S. Amdt. 1220 to H.R. 2360, Vote #185, 7/14/05]
- **Opposed bomb detection technology and tunnel upgrades** [S. Amdt. 4553 to H.R. 5441, Vote #194, 7/12/06]

McCain Says Buy America Laws Are “Ludicrous”



Opposes Buy America laws which keep critical jobs in the U.S.

- “I firmly object to Buy America provisions...” [S. 2400, Vote #135, 6/22/04; S. 1050, Vote #191, 5/21/03; Congressional Record, 7/14/05]

-McCain in 2005

- “I oppose these types of protectionist policies, and from an economic point of view they are ludicrous.” [Congressional Record, 10/7/05]

-McCain in 2005

McCain Against Labor Rights



- **Voted against the Employee Free Choice Act card check legislation** [H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07]
- **Supported Bush's declaration that union rights for airport screeners are a terrorism risk**
[S. Amdt. 316 to S.4, Vote 64, 3/6/07; American Prospect, "Screening on the Cheap," 3/1/03]
- **Opposed bargaining rights for firefighters, police officers, and other public safety workers**
[H.R. 980, Vote #126, 4/13/08; S. Amdt. 2044 to H.R. 3061, Vote #323, 11/6/01; S. Amdt. 2074 to H.R. 3061, Vote #318, 11/1/01]

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- **Backs companies that fire or replace lawfully striking workers** [ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000; S. 55, Vote #121, 6/16/92]
- **Supports using bankruptcy to destroy union contracts** [H.R. 1231, Vote #276, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #273, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #222, 10/3/89]

McCain Fights to Offshore American Jobs



- At McCain's urging, the Defense Department awarded a \$35 billion contract in 2008 to EADS-Airbus, a foreign airplane builder
- The deal will eliminate 44,000 American jobs [Matthew Daly "Boeing Supporters Target McCain over Tanker Loss," Associated Press, 3/8/08]
- Contract called unfair by GAO, the independent congressional auditor [Press release, "GAO Sustains Boeing Bid Protest," United States General Accountability Office, 6/18/08]

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- **2003: Helped foreign manufacturers bid on military contracts** [S. Amdt. 783 to S. 1050, Vote #191, 5/21/03]
- **2006: McCain wrote letters to Department of Defense urging them to OK the EADS-Airbus tanker deal** [Herszenhorn, David M., “McCain Advisers Lobbied for Europeans to Win Air force Tanker Deal The New York Times, 03/12/08]
- **2008: Five high-level McCain campaign staffers are former lobbyists for EADS-Airbus** [Herszenhorn, David M., “McCain Advisers Lobbied for Europeans to Win Air force Tanker Deal,” The New York Times, 3/12/08]
- **Why: EADS-Airbus lobbyists and employees donate more to McCain than any other politician** [CQ PoliticalMoneyline, accessed 3/11/08]

Now You Know the Real McCain



Opposes 13(c) transit labor rights

Against security funds to
protect transit workers

**Opposes Buy
America Laws**

Fights for “free” trade. Wants to send
good jobs to foreign countries

Opposes the
Employee
Free Choice
Act

**Supports unsafe
foreign buses on
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