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## Local 71 Stronger Together Despite Recent Supreme Court Decision Against Workers:

**ANCHORAGE, AK---** The United States Supreme Court issued their ruling today against working people and in favor of billionaire CEOs and corporate interests in *Janus v. AFSCME*, and Local 71 is paying attention in Alaska.

The official notice of the AFSCME outlined the following response:

*As millions of American workers recommit to their unions and launch new organizing drives and as support for labor unions has risen to its highest level in years, it is shameful that the billionaire CEOs and corporate special interests behind this case have succeeded in manipulating the highest court in the land to do their bidding. This case was nothing more than a blatant political attack to further rig our economy and democracy against everyday Americans in favor of the wealthy and powerful.*

*Public service workers—teachers, social workers, firefighters, 911 operators—are more determined than ever to stick together in their unions. Unions remain the most effective vehicle for the power in numbers working people need to secure their rights and freedoms, and provide a pathway to the middle class. We will remain a strong and vibrant force for working people, and will continue fighting to sustain our families, improve our workplaces and to make our communities stronger regardless of the court’s ruling.*

*Today’s decision sends our economy in the wrong direction. But it is also a rallying point. We call on elected leaders and candidates to do everything in their power to make it easier to unite in unions and build more power for all working people.*

“Regardless of the Supreme Court ruling, the workers in Alaska will stick together to make sure we have a say in the future and our jobs.” -Dennis Moen

Members of the Public Employees Local 71: Labor, Trades, & Crafts voted just last week to ratify a newly negotiated employment contract with the State of Alaska which included provisions for access to our members, and their Representation.

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**Local 71 is a statewide Local Union representing roughly 2,500 members in public sector employment.** We have offices in Fairbanks, and Juneau, and a Main Office in Anchorage. Our members are hard workers and good neighbors who contribute greatly to their communities. We proudly offer members-only benefits including training, job referrals, scholarships, health trust, discounts, and other support.  
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