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**Anti-Worker Lawsuits Dismissed; Workers Win, Yet Remain Vigilant**

**South St. Paul, MN** - AFSCME Council 5 Executive Director Julie Bleyhl released the following statement after the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed two additional anti-worker lawsuits:

"Today, after many months of our union fighting back in court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed two additional anti-worker lawsuits that sought to decimate workers' rights and our ability to represent working people. In dismissing these two lawsuits, the federal court affirmed our legal claim that "fair share" fees collected prior to the *Janus v AFSCME* U.S. Supreme Court decision were collected legally and are not required to be paid back retroactively.

"While this is a victory in this moment, the working-class and unions are under constant attack in the courts, the halls of power and our workplaces by anti-worker, pro-corporate organizations like the Freedom Foundation, Upper Midwest Law Center, the Center of the American Experiment and others. No matter what, our union will fight for workers' right to be treated with dignity and respect in the workplace, defend due process protections and protect our right to retire with dignity and security."

The anti-worker cases that have been dismissed are *Brown v. AFSCME Council 5* and *Piekarski v. AFSCME Council 5*.

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