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## Working Kansas Alliance Demands Answers on Senator Cindy Holscher's Union Membership

Topeka, KS — Today, the leaders of the Working Kansas Alliance released a statement following the [attacks on unions](#) during last week's KCUR Democratic primary gubernatorial debate and [recent reporting](#) that Senator Cindy Holscher is a member of the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA).

After listening to last week's debate, we, the leaders of the Working Kansas Alliance representing more than 500,000 working Kansans, feel compelled to address Senator Cindy Holscher's unfounded attacks on organized labor and demand clarity regarding statements she made to voters.

Let's be clear: there is no grand conspiracy preventing Senator Holscher from receiving labor's support in her campaign for governor. Union support is not owed to any candidate. It is earned through trust, consistency, and a demonstrated commitment to working people.

Unfortunately, Senator Holscher has repeatedly shown a willingness to say one thing and do another. Time and again, she has attempted to recast, redefine, or outright reverse her own positions when it becomes politically convenient.

Kansans deserve leaders who stand by their convictions, not politicians who treat their voting record like a weather vane that shifts with the political winds.

Her attacks on the integrity of labor organizations should surprise no one. Before entering politics, Senator Holscher worked in corporate management at Sprint. Her rhetoric echoes the same tired union-busting tactics that corporate interests have used for generations to weaken the collective voice of working people.

Rather than taking responsibility for her inability to earn labor's support, she chose to attack the organizations that represent hundreds of thousands of Kansas workers.

Kansas workers are not political props.

The livelihoods of Kansas families are not a game.

The major construction projects being brought to our state are not a game.

The infrastructure investments that will shape Kansas for generations are not a game.

The wages, benefits, and workplace protections that working people fight for every day are not a game.

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Yet Senator Holscher continues to treat these issues as opportunities for political theater and political gain. Working Kansans are tired of the smoke, mirrors, and convenient reinventions. We will not participate in a political funhouse where facts are distorted and records are rewritten whenever it serves someone's campaign.

It's time to put the facts on the table.

During the debate, Senator Holscher claimed she is a union member, a statement that surprised many in the labor community, given her professional background as a corporate manager and career politician. Subsequent reporting by The Kansas City Star confirmed her membership in KNEA.

While we acknowledge that she obtained an emergency substitute teaching license several years ago, available records indicate she does not currently hold a teaching license.

If Senator Holscher wishes to use union membership as a campaign talking point, then voters deserve complete transparency.

That is why we are asking Senator Holscher to answer three simple questions:

1. When did you become a member of KNEA?
2. What type of membership do you currently hold?
3. Have you ever worked as a substitute teacher while serving as a dues-paying member?

These are straightforward questions. Kansans deserve straightforward answers.

We look forward to Senator Holscher's response.

In Solidarity,

Ty E Dragoo  
Working Kansas Alliance Chair

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