



PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALERT

Politico Group – “Connecting You to California”
1127 11th Street, Suite 747 / Sacramento, CA 95814 / (916) 444-3770 / www.politicogroup.com

URGENT CONTRACTOR CALL TO ACTION!!!

Act Now to Oppose Unemployment Insurance for Striking Workers - SB 799

We are urging all union contractors to use our [grassroots advocacy page](#) to send a preformulated email to Governor Newsom, asking him to Veto SB 799, which would provide striking workers access to unemployment Insurance (UI).

Background:

SB 799 was amended in the 11th hour of the 2023 California legislative session to provide unemployment benefits for striking workers.

Despite strong opposition from union construction employer associations and other employer groups, including the California Chamber of Commerce, the measure has been passed by the legislature and sent to Governor Newsom for his consideration.

Impact on the union construction Industry:

SB 799 fundamentally alters the nature of UI by providing unemployment to workers who still have a job and have chosen to temporarily refuse to work as a negotiating tactic. Being on strike is not the same as being laid off. Further, if SB 799 is passed, when a union chooses to strike and receive UI they would also be impacting a signatory contractor’s UI “experience rating” and driving up their UI taxes for years to come, making union contractors less competitive against their nonunion competitors.

Final Take:

By forcing employers to pay unemployment insurance payments to striking workers, this bill would raise costs on employers across the state and more specifically make union contractors less competitive.

Take action TODAY and voice your opposition to SB 799: [CLICK HERE TO SEND AN EMAIL TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM – OPPOSING SB 799](#)

Once you have taken action, please encourage other union contractors to act by sharing our grassroots action center - www.unioncontractorvoice.com