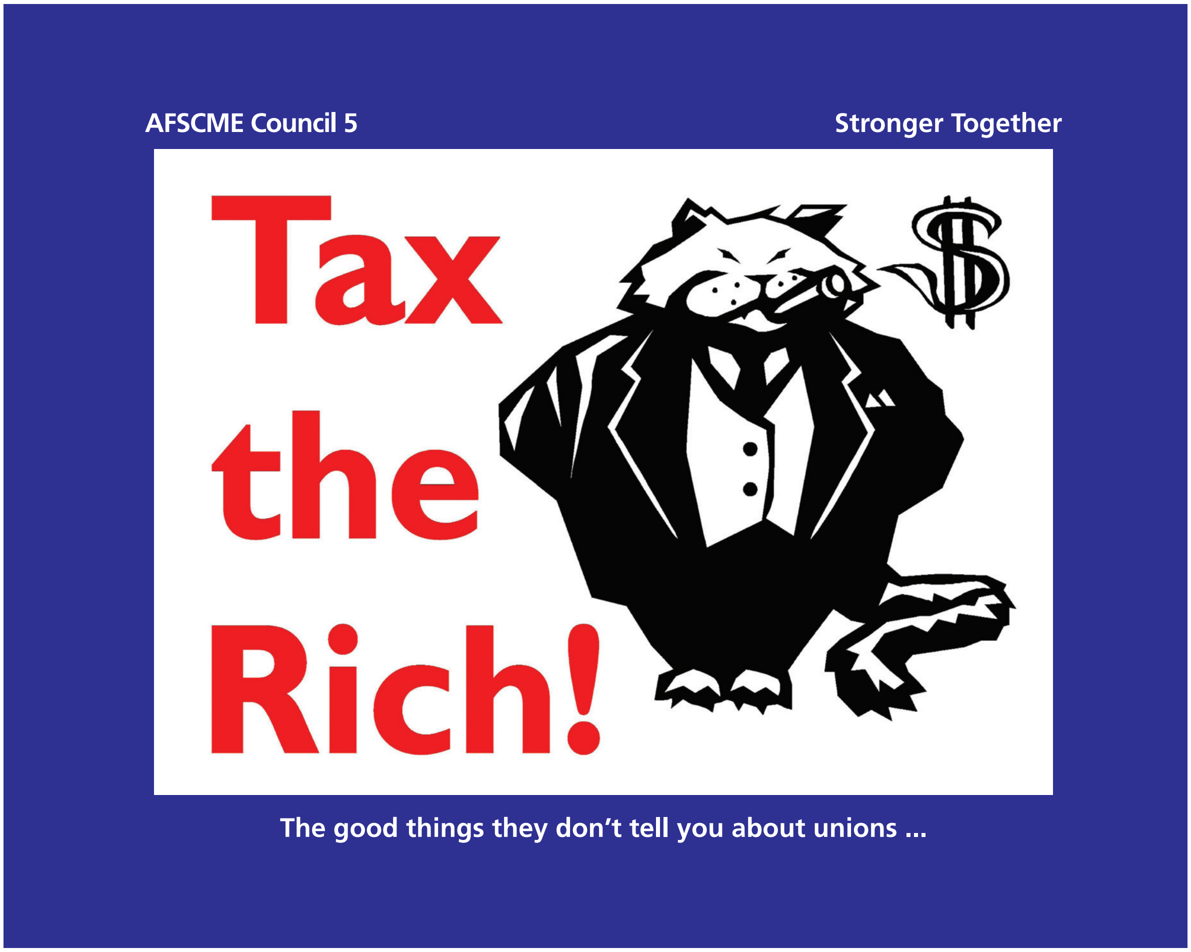

Unions fight income inequality

- In the last 35 years, income for those of us in the bottom 90 percent has grown 15 percent. Income for the top 1 percent, however, has grown nine times faster – by 138 percent.
- The typical CEO at a Fortune 500 company now makes 373 times what the average American worker makes. That means CEOs make more in 6 hours than the average worker makes all year.

This massive income inequality didn't always exist. From the 1940s through 1970s, when more workers were union, those at the top couldn't grab as much of the pie. That's because workers joining together in unions are one of the few forces that can fight back and restore balance.

That's why free-market fanatics keep attacking unions and dividing workers. They're getting what they want: More for those at the top, less for the rest of us.

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