Submitted by the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board

Whereas, billionaire private equity magnate, Bruce Rauner, is a candidate for Governor in the Republican Primary in Illinois; and

Whereas, Rauner has repeatedly and publicly attacked unions, blamed them for the state's woes, and made clear his determination to weaken the role of the labor movement in Illinois; and

Whereas, Rauner advocates for Right to Work laws, lowering the minimum wage, dismantling pensions, workers compensation and other worker protections; and

Whereas, Rauner is a champion of charter schools, seeking to undermine public education in our state; and

Whereas, Rauner is spending millions of dollars on TV ads with an anti-union message; and

Whereas, in reality, Rauner has profited handsomely from public pension fund investments, business that he garnered through political connections and questionable contributions;

So be it Resolved, that the Illinois AFL-CIO and its affiliates commit to immediately doing everything possible to educate union members, our community partners and the public to oppose the candidacy of Bruce Rauner for Governor.

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