



Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO

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Re: Attack on Computer Professionals
Please Oppose the "Computer Professionals Update Act" (S. 1747)

Dear Senator:

The Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO (DPE) opposes cutting pay and protections for computer professionals. I write to ask that you oppose the so-called "Computer Professionals Update Act" (CPU Act), S. 1747.

Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) introduced the bill on October 20. It would take away the protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) from almost everyone working primarily in information technology who earns either \$27.63 an hour or more, or a salary. Among other things, the FLSA determines who receives overtime pay for working more than 40 hours a week.

Computer companies are lobbying hard to pass the CPU Act. They argue that it will avoid sending more jobs offshore.

These are the same companies that send work offshore and bring lower-paid workers to the U.S. on H-1B visas. Now these companies want to pay U.S. workers less in the U.S.

The CPU Act marks one more corporate assault on U.S. workers. In these tough economic times, cutting the pay of U.S. workers is a terrible idea.

DPE is a coalition of 22 national unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Together these unions represent over four million professional and technical workers in more than 300 occupations. Among them are workers in engineering, science, and information technology; the arts, entertainment, and media; education and information resources; health care; and public administration. The DPE is the largest association of professional and technical workers in the United States.

Please join us in opposing this special-interest plea to enable exploiting information technology professionals in the U.S.

Sincerely,

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