



COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Floor Remarks of Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), Chairman
Education and Workforce Committee
H.R. 8775, *Ending Predator Access to Union Power Act*
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(As prepared for delivery)

I rise today in strong support of H.R. H.R. 8775, *Ending Predator Access to Union Power Act*.

This bill has an important and concerning background. It came about after reports that a local of the Service Employees International Union, or SEIU, hired a convicted child sex offender as a business agent. What makes this especially concerning is that SEIU represents public school employees, bus drivers, and child care providers—positions that can provide access to large groups of children.

I am thankful that the union recognized its mistake and fired this individual. But this never should have happened in the first place, and we must take steps to ensure it does not happen again.

Federal law already bars individuals convicted of serious crimes—including murder, rape, robbery, and embezzlement—from holding positions of power in labor unions and certain positions in employer management for up to 13 years after conviction or release. It only makes sense that sex crimes against minors should be included as well.

H.R. 8775, *Ending Predator Access to Union Power Act*, closes this loophole with a simple and commonsense fix.

Unions lose credibility when individuals convicted of serious crimes are allowed to hold positions of power. That is why these protections exist in the first place—and why SEIU took action when this case came to light.