

# This could get ugly

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**Letter to the Editor**

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How thoughtful of the anti-union National Citizen's Coalition and the Merit Contractors to run a large ad in The Journal on Jan. 24, expressing their concern for trade unionists whose money, they say, is being spent without their consent, in ads criticizing our equally anti-union politicians.

Perhaps union members should show their gratitude for this gem of wisdom at their next regular union meeting, where they have every opportunity to vote on a wide variety of issues including the investment of their dues on changing the political climate in Alberta.

Then, once that matter has been dealt with in a democratic fashion, they will have the opportunity to decide on other important matters, such as unionizing the employees of the notoriously anti-union Merit Contractors and moving onwards from attack ads to engaging in direct political action.

After all, working Albertans have a lot at stake in the upcoming provincial election, and, yes, it's time that working people had a voice in our government.

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