

## St Charles Republican State Representative Phil Christofanelli

### Plays Games with Human Trafficking Bill

In an unprecedented move to further attack Labor Unions, St Charles Republican Phil Christofanelli attached an amendment in what was otherwise a bill (hb 397) with good intentions. The bill that was originally summarized as Protection of Children From Sex Trafficking became a venue to attack Organized Labor one more time.

Christofanelli's amendment takes action to categorize Labor Organizations in the group that the bill refers to as "*Criminal Street Gangs*".

Doug Beck, State Representative and Democratic House Labor Caucus Chair said, "it's a shame when there are some politicians want to compare good, honest, hardworking nurses, trades workers, machine operators, teachers, grocery store workers, police officers, firefighters, ect., etc, as members of a Criminal Street Gang."

Mike Louis, President of the Missouri AFL-CIO had this to say, "this is an obvious ploy to force politicians who support labor to vote no on a bill that is summarized as Protecting Children from Sex Trafficking. Mainly because Christofanelli created a loop hole to attack Labor". Louis Continued, "Well, we are not going to fall for it, Protection of Children is a top priority and if it means we have to take some name calling and cheap shots from Christofanelli and his cronies, then so be it. I urge the politicians to support the bill if it will do the least bit of good in protecting the children. I am really sick and tired of the cheap shots and game playing, but until we change the dynamics of the Missouri Legislature and put more working family friendly politicians in Jefferson City, we can live with the childish act of being called names by cowards who would rather do that than work on constructive legislation. And, until we make those changes we are stuck with them."

You can call representative Christofanelli and give him your opinion at 573-751-2949.