

U.S. Supreme Court Affirms *Friedrichs* by 4-4 Vote

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At the last SCOPO board meeting, we discussed *Friedrichs v. Cal. Teachers Ass'n, et al.*, a case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court in which California public school teachers are challenging agency shop laws and the fair share fee system. Yesterday a divided Court issued a per curiam opinion stating, "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided Court." The decision means the lower court ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upholding agency shop and fair share fees stands.

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