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## **Why ballot must be secret**

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Re: "A labor threat? U.S. workers don't have enough bargaining power, says Jonathan Chait," Monday Viewpoints.

Mr. Chait's diatribe against secret ballot elections and in favor of Big Labor's card-check union organizing bill derided our client, Mike Ivey, an autoworker at Freightliner in South Carolina, for standing up to union intimidation.

He and his co-workers hardly withstood mere canvassing. Over four years, United Auto Worker officials unlawfully blocked workers promised pay raises and only stopped when prosecuted by the federal labor board. Freightliner employees had to threaten to call the police to get UAW agents out of their homes, and Mr. Ivey received a late-night phone message stating that things were going to get ugly if he continued to oppose the union.

It is no wonder that polls show 79 percent of Americans prefer the existing secret ballot for deciding whether to unionize.