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A Call to Action from Teamsters Local 769!!

Rally in Support of Wisconsin Public Employees

By now you must be aware of the push by the governor of Wisconsin to abolish the collective bargaining rights for public employees in Wisconsin. This action is nothing more than "union-busting" at the legislative level. Somehow, it has become "un-American" to be union, to have bargaining rights, to have a pension, benefits, etc. Our detractors (the usual suspects—"Right-to-Work," big business, and various media outlets) have convinced many in the general population that unionized public employees (or any unionized worker, for that matter) is overpaid, lazy, and a burden to society. **They are simply wrong—both morally and otherwise.** Do not forget some of the struggles you have endured *in your own workplace, with your own contract*, where you might have settled for less in areas such as wages, vacation, or sick days so that we could maintain retirement benefits and health insurance. Public employees have endured those same battles and deserve to maintain their place in the "American Dream."

This radical action by Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin will not end there. Several governors in other states are awaiting the outcome so that they can respond with similar legislation. They are not seeking modest concessions (that would be sensible compromise)----**they are seeking to no longer have to allow rights to the employees—permanently!!!** Stripping middle-class workers of their collective bargaining rights will not fix any state's budget, but bargaining in good faith with the employees will.

If we sit back and do nothing, if the issue is ignored, we will be forced to deal with this in every unionized workplace in America. We all need to stand strong with our Union Brothers and Sisters to protect the collective bargaining rights we have! If this is allowed to pass, corporations will not stop until they have the same laws in the private sector---**destroying unions and severely weakening all workers!**

We are encouraging all our members to visit the IBT's website (teamster.org) to stay up-to-date with what is being done to fight this very dangerous piece of legislation. Get involved! Attend a rally in your area supporting the Wisconsin employees! Contact your business representative or this office (305-642-6255) if you can be of support to this historic fight!!!

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