



WE ARE ALL WISCONSIN

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY RALLY

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SATURDAY
APRIL 2ND at 2:00^{PM}

PEACE ARCH PARK

ATTENTION HEU MEMBERS

HEU has buses going to the rally. To reserve seats on the bus, call the HEU Provincial Office at 604-438-5000 or 1-800-663-5813 (toll free) or email: heu@heu.org, write in the subject line "We Are All Wisconsin" rally, and tell us how many seats you need.

HEU has buses going to Peace Arch Park leaving from the union's Provincial Office and from the Scott Road Sky Train Station. Buses will leave at approximately 12:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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International Solidarity Rally

We Are All Wisconsin is an international solidarity rally that calls on trade unionists, their families and allies to protest the unprecedented and draconian legislation that significantly restricts the collective bargaining and workers' human rights of Wisconsin public sector employees.

The HEU connection

HEU members may recognize Walker's tactics against Wisconsin's public sector workers.

The BC Liberals did much the same thing, using a legislative hammer to restrict the collective bargaining rights, enable contracting out and privatization in health care and roll back the wages of thousands of health care workers through *Bill 29* (2002) and *Bill 37* (2004).

As a result of the HEU challenge of *Bill 29*, the Supreme Court of Canada found that collective bargaining is a protected right under Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

But that doesn't mean that anti-union governments here, watching what's happening in Wisconsin, won't try again.

We Are All Wisconsin

HEU members and other B.C. trade unionists have witnessed first-hand what an anti-union government will try to do, from eroding employment standards, freezing wages, selling off public assets like BC Rail, and advancing privatization. Now our sisters and brothers in Wisconsin need our support.

Background

In a late night session, Republican governor Scott Walker rammed a bill through the state senate that would:

- Deny collective bargaining rights to thousands of Wisconsin public sector workers and end negotiations covering working conditions, health and safety including workers' compensation, leave entitlements, seniority rules, equality provisions, grievance procedures, representation rights, and pensions and benefits
- Restrict public sector wage increases to the cost of living (COL) – and require any salary increase above the COL to go to public referendum
- Force union members to vote annually to keep their union
- Stop dues check-off, making unions collect dues directly from members
- Enable the sell-off of Wisconsin's public utilities, and more

Update

On March 18, a circuit court judge temporarily blocked the legislation. But the battle for workers' rights continues because other states are watching what's happening in Wisconsin, intent on passing similar bills of their own.

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