

Bust the Union Buster!

Governor Scott Walker has become the symbol of government union busting, not only in Wisconsin but nationwide. Workers have courageously fought back against Walker, and on November 4 we have the opportunity to end his anti-worker reign of terror.

As soon as he took office in January 2011, Walker blew a hole in the state budget by giving away \$140 million in tax cuts for the rich. This created the “budget crisis” which he was then ready to “repair” with his “Budget Repair Bill” (Act 10) which took away bargaining rights Wisconsin public workers first won in 1959. Workers fought back by occupying the state capitol building, with many UE members joining the protests.

Act 10 devastated membership levels of many public employee unions, cut their wages and benefits and worsened working conditions. Walker’s union busting inspired politicians in other states to attack workers’ rights and led to laws against public employee bargaining, and so-called “right-to-work” laws in some other states.

Walker promised that union busting and budget cuts would stimulate the economy and bring new jobs. But it’s done the opposite. During Walker’s term in office, Wisconsin has ranked 37th among the 50 states in job creation, and dead last among Midwestern states.

Walker has tried to gain a partisan advantage to keep people from voting. He signed a law requiring voters to show a photo ID which some 300,000 non-driving voters do not have. In April a federal judge struck down the law, but Walker is appealing.

Wisconsin has a proud tradition of progressive government, including respect for workers’ rights and support for education. Walker is trying to reverse all the progress of the past 100 years.



On November 4 we can end this nightmare and begin to rebuild a worker-friendly Wisconsin.

