

Tom Foley: Bad for Workers

Tom Foley says he's waiting for Connecticut's "Wisconsin moment" to arrive. We know what the "Wisconsin moment" meant to public employees in that state. It meant Republican Gov. Scott Walker took away the right to bargain through their unions. Since then they've suffered terrible losses in wages, benefits, and protections on the job.

Mr. Foley told the *New Haven Register* in 2010 that the state was in a "fiscal emergency," and that gives the governor the authority to nullify union contracts. The law doesn't say that, but the comment shows Foley's intent.

Tom Foley probably doesn't know much about workers' lives. He was born to wealth and privilege, attended the exclusive Phillips Academy, Harvard College and Harvard Business School, lives in Greenwich, and travels in his private jet. He made a lot of money in "private investment firms" and became a big Republican fundraiser. After George Bush invaded Iraq, he appointed Foley as "director of private sector development." He was Bush's chief privatizer of Iraq's public assets.

Foley has shown contempt for workers in the private sector, too. In July he went to Sprague for a press conference and photo op in front of Fusion Paperboard, which is closing, eliminating 145 jobs. Foley blamed the closing on what he called Gov. Malloy's "anti-business policies," in which Foley specifically included "mandatory sick leave." The plant is really closing because of financial maneuvers by its owner, a global venture capital firm. When union members and the first selectwoman challenged Foley, who knew nothing about why the plant was closing, he blamed the workers, telling them, "Listen, you have failed, because you have lost these jobs."

Tom Foley's "Wisconsin moment" did not arrive in 2010, and we can't let it come in 2014.



**Tom Foley is against Connecticut's workers,
and we need to vote against him**

