



Media Advisory
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Community, Labor and Legislators Stand with Wisconsin Workers & Families

Charleston, WV – Community and Labor leaders will gather with WV legislators tomorrow at the state capitol at Noon to issue statements of support for the public workers and their supporters in Wisconsin that are protesting their governor’s attempt to eliminate public workers collective bargaining rights.

“The tea party-backed Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker, has declared all-out war on workers’ freedoms. He’s slashing taxes for the richest residents of his state, and wants to eliminate the rights of workers to organize a union, bargain for fair wages or advocate for decent pay and benefits”, comments Gary Zuckett, Executive Director of WV Citizen Action, “This fight isn’t just about the Wisconsin state budget. It’s part of a larger strategy by the big corporations that want to take control of our government. Last year the Supreme Court granted corporations unprecedented rights to influence elections. Now, they want to limit the ability of PEOPLE to organize and keep their freedoms. Unions are targeted because they are effectively organizing groups that corporations cannot control.”

What: Press Conference in support of Wisconsin Workers and Families

Who: Kenny Perdue, WV AFL-CIO; Judy Hale, WV-AFT; Barbara Spradling, AFSCME; WV Delegate Bill Hamilton (invited); WV Delegate Meshea Poore (invited); Rev Dennis Sparks, WV Council of Churches & Others TBA

Where: WV State Capitol – House Judiciary Committee Room

When: Tuesday, Feb 22nd at NOON

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