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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Memorializing the Wisconsin State Senate to Oppose and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to Rescind the Proposal to Destroy Certain Collective Bargaining Rights

Honorable Legislators:

Our great nation has a rich history of working men and women banding together to bargain with their employers for better working conditions, equitable pay and benefits. This activity not only protects workers from unscrupulous employers looking to exploit them for profits, but it also provides the employer with a degree of certainty so they can effectively plan for the future. Amazingly, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker recently proposed legislation that would destroy the right for Wisconsin public employees to collectively bargain.

While the Governor continues to argue that his proposal is meant to help balance their State budget, the reality is that the public employees in Wisconsin have already agreed to all the monetary concessions Governor Walker has called for. His proposal to destroy bargaining rights is only meant to weaken public employees and destroy their collective rights in his state, setting a disturbing precedent for the rest of the county.

Since this proposal was announced, tens of thousands of everyday Americans have banded together to protest this dangerous rollback of workers' rights. Without the right to collectively bargain, workers in our great nation would most likely face working conditions similar to those seen in the nineteenth century: fewer health and safety protections, and limited protections against abusive managers or employers.



We must not allow Governor Walker to set Wisconsin workers back two hundred years and we must stand with our partners in labor to protect the right to collectively bargain.

Therefore, we urge you to join us in memorializing the Wisconsin State Senate to oppose and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to rescind the proposal to destroy certain collective bargaining rights.

Respectfully submitted,



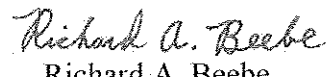
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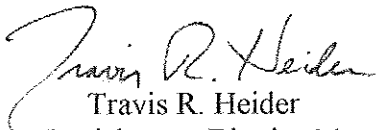
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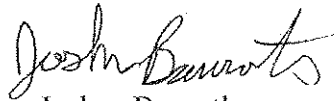
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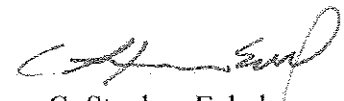
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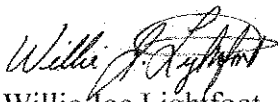
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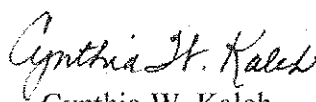
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