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**SEIU Wisconsin's Palmer on Judge Sumi's Ruling:
Court Concurs with Public's View That Walker Was Too
Autocratic, Illegally Denied Wisconsinites a Voice in Debate over
Workers' Rights**

Statement from Dian Palmer, a State of Wisconsin public health nurse specializing in chronic diseases in minority populations and president of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin:

“Scott Walker has already been reprimanded in the court of public opinion for being autocratic about stripping workers of collective bargaining rights, now legislators are being chastised for their illegal actions in a court of law. This confirms our take that these illegal legislative maneuvers were not about balancing the budget and all about stripping workers of a voice in order to reward their allies.

We agree with Dane County Judge MaryAnn Sumi's ruling that when Walker and Republican legislators moved this legislation in the dead of the night, it illegally denied the people of Wisconsin their right to adequate notice to be involved in this process.

Over the past few months Walker and legislators continued to turn a deaf ear to the tens of thousands of courageous nurses, homecare providers, students, faith leaders and others who stood up for a brighter vision of Wisconsin but now legislators have a chance to get it right by maintaining collective bargaining rights for all Wisconsin workers.”

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