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SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin Stands In Solidarity with Democratic Senators

Response to Governor Walker's Press Conference

Over the past few days, hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites have participated in actions, lobbied their Senators, made phone calls, and rallied at the state Capitol to express dissent for Governor Walker's union-busting bill and stood in solidarity with their public employee counterparts. But Governor Walker and Republican Senators are unwilling to participate in the Democratic process, attempting to limit public debate and rush legislation that would revoke fifty years of collective bargaining rights. Even worse, Walker is requesting Senate Democrats return to Madison and vote immediately out of "request for the democratic process."

"Governor Walker is trying to make an end run around democracy. Today our Democratic Senators took a stand for the people and said Wisconsin workers will not be denied a voice in the process. The people of Wisconsin have spoken, and at least some of our Senators have listened. We will not stand by and see our democratic processes tainted by a Governor who is unwilling to listen to the tens of thousands of workers and allies outside the Capitol and throughout the state," said Dian Palmer, president of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin.

"I think these Senators showed courage today. They stood up in the face of injustice and refused to be part of a process that denies the people their voice."

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