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SEIU Healthcare WI Endorses United Wisconsin Recall Walker Effort
Will Begin Collecting Signatures on November 15th

SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin is joining United Wisconsin in their efforts to recall Governor Scott Walker. The citizens group, United Wisconsin, will spearhead efforts to recall Walker and begin circulating petitions on November 15. The group will have 60 days to collect at least 540,208 signatures. If successful, this would produce a recall election in April or May of 2012. SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin will be encouraging members to volunteer for the effort.

“Governor Walker was dishonest with the people of Wisconsin – never mentioning eradicating collective bargaining rights once during his campaign. His actions have been nothing short of politicking, dividing our state and working to eradicate fifty-years of labor peace,” said Dian Palmer, former public health nurse and SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin president.

“In his short tenure in office, Governor Walker has promoted a radical agenda that puts the interests of working Wisconsinites last. His policies add to the real cause of our revenue problem –the global economic crisis caused by Wall Street and the failure of corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share. Walker has forced public employees and the middle class to bear the entire burden while handing out millions in corporate tax cuts. In Wisconsin, we all share in the state’s failures and successes. We hope that this recall effort will produce a leader that will work with all parties in order to get Wisconsin working again.”

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SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin is Wisconsin’s largest and fastest growing health care workers union, representing 15,000 home care, nursing home, social service, and hospital workers across the State of Wisconsin.