

**INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES, MOVING PICTURE TECHNICIANS,
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March 8, 2011

TO ALL IATSE LOCAL UNIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As President of the IATSE and one of the National and International Unions that make up the AFL-CIO, I am calling upon all local unions to answer the challenge that has been laid down by the fights for survival of our movement.

Last week, the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO met in Washington, D.C. to develop plans and strategies to advance the fight for workers' rights against the corporate-led government assault we have seen in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and states all across the country. Tens of thousands of workers have taken to the streets to protest the assault on the fundamental freedoms of collective bargaining and the basic right to have a union.

As we respond to this crisis faced by workers in every one of our states and local communities, it becomes clearer than ever before that we need a movement that is strong and united at every level, and that has the ability to mobilize working people and our allies at the grassroots.

For these reasons, I am calling on every local union of the IATSE to be certain you join, affiliate and participate with the AFL-CIO Central Labor councils in your communities. This is also a requirement of Article Nineteen, Section 22 of the International Constitution. We cannot survive as a movement if we let solidarity be simply a word and not a way of life. I urge you to make this an immediate priority for your local union, and if you are uncertain where or how to affiliate with your state and local councils, please contact the AFL-CIO Field Department in Washington at: 202-637-5280.

We must strengthen the AFL-CIO at the local and state level and we need to do it now.

Best regards.

In Solidarity,

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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STATE WORKER BATTLES-WAYS TO GIVE

AFL-CIO State Unity Fund

ALL union contributions should be made to the AFL-CIO State Unity Fund. Contributions can be made to this fund by unions in unlimited amounts.

Checks may be made payable to “AFL-CIO State Unity Fund” and mailed to: AFL-CIO State Unity Fund, 815 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

For more information about the AFL-CIO State Unity Fund contact Kim Farrell at Kfarrell@afcio.org

America Votes Labor Unity Fund

Checks may be made payable to “America Votes Labor Unity Fund” and mailed to: America Votes, 1401 New York Ave. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005.

If you wish to **wire your contribution**, please use the following information:

Account Name – AV Labor Unity Fund, 1401 New York Ave. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005

Account Number - 226004431734

Bank Name: Bank of America, Washington, DC 20005 ABA Number: 026009593

The America Votes Labor Unity Fund is the fiscal agent of the AFL-CIO State Unity Fund, a special account of the AFL-CIO and directed by a broad coalition of national labor organizations to promote fair labor-management relations in the private and public sectors and defend workers and their unions against state legislation, ballot measures and executive orders that are aimed at undermining or destroying organizing and bargaining rights and employment standards.

Donors to the America Votes Labor Unity Fund of \$5,000 or more will be publicly reported by the AFL-CIO on its annual report to the U.S. Department of Labor and otherwise as required by law.

Contributions or gifts to America Votes Labor Unity Fund are not tax deductible.

We estimate that all contributions will be used for nondeductible lobbying and public advocacy.

America Votes State Battles Fund

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Account Name – AV State Battles Fund, 1401 New York Ave. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005

Account Number - 2260 0322 7473

Bank Name: Bank of America, Washington, DC 20005 ABA Number: 026009593

The America Votes State Battles Fund is a special initiative focused on the struggles of working people across the country. While the middle class is shrinking and families are struggling to get by, many politicians in the states are making the problem worse by planning to cut wages, weaken pensions, reduce health benefits and fundamental bargaining rights. The America Votes State Battles Fund will oppose state legislation, ballot measures and executive orders that cut jobs, hurt the middle class and state economies.

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For more information on either America Votes Funds please contact Meghan Gaffney Buck at

SOLICITATION GUIDELINES

It is recommended that unions and their agents that solicit donations to either the America Votes Labor Unity Fund or the America Votes State Battles Fund follow these guidelines:

1. A union or its agent should not solicit (a) an employer that the union or any affiliate represents, is trying to organize or that falls within the union's organizing jurisdiction, or (b) a vendor to any employee benefit fund that the union or any affiliate sponsors or co-sponsors. If a union or its agent is approached by such a prospective donor, the donor should be advised only to contact America Votes for information.
2. A union or its agent may solicit (1) any other employer or other organization and (2) any individual in the individual's personal capacity and not as an agent of either an employer or a vendor that's described above.

DONOR	Can Give To	Amount
Labor Union	AFL-CIO State Unity Fund	Unlimited
Individual acting on own behalf	AV Labor Unity Fund	Unlimited*
	OR AV State Battles Fund	Unlimited
Allied Organization	AV Labor Unity Fund (usually)	Unlimited*
	OR AV State Battles Fund	Unlimited
Business (NOT a union employer or union benefit- fund vendor)	AV Labor Unity Fund	Unlimited*
	OR AV State Battles Fund	Unlimited
Union Employer or Union Benefit-Fund Vendor	AV State Battles Fund	Unlimited

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Union Contributions and Senator Contact Information for Wisconsin

The 14 Democratic State Senators in Wisconsin have taken such a courageous stand for working families and a demonstration of financial support to them is also encouraged. The information below is provided as legal guidance on contributions to those Senators, and where contributions may be sent for each of them.

Union Contributions in Wisconsin

PAC Funding Source: A union may contribute only from a separate segregated account that confines itself to Wisconsin contributions and expenditures. A union may self-fund its PAC using union treasury funds. For tax reasons, the best way to fund the PAC is by making *direct deposits* of incoming dues receipts, that is, without first depositing them in a regular general-fund account of the union.

PAC Registration: Must register with the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (“GAB”) within 5 days of receiving a contribution or *before* making a contribution of \$25 or more. Once a PAC registers on-line, it may make contributions before it receives confirmation of registration from the GAB. To register online, file Form GAB-1 at <http://cfis.wi.gov/Public/Registration.aspx?page=PAC>.

A PAC must have a treasurer (who need *not* be a Wisconsin resident); its own bank account; and its own IRS Employer Identification. The GAB ID number along with the full committee name must appear on all committee checks. A PAC may make contributions *before* the GAB ID number is issued.

PAC Type: Non-Resident PAC: A PAC that does not maintain an office or address in Wisconsin must register as a Non-Resident PAC. Non-Resident PACs are *not* required to use a Wisconsin bank, but must designate a resident Wisconsin agent.

State PAC: A PAC with a Wisconsin address must register as a “Special Interest Committee” and must use a bank authorized to do business in Wisconsin.

Contribution Limit: State Senate Candidate: \$1,000 per 4-yr. election cycle (2011-14).

Contact Information:

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board
212 E. Washington Ave, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 7984
Madison, WI 53707-7984
Phone: (608) 266-8005
Fax: (608) 267-0500

Wisconsin Democratic Senators Campaign Contact Information

Senator Lena Taylor

Committee to Elect Lena C. Taylor
3428 West State Street
Milwaukee WI 53208

Senator Spencer Coggs

Friends of G. Spencer Coggs
7819 W. Potomac Ave.
Milwaukee WI53222

Senator Jim Holperin

Holperin - Senate
PO Box 1256
Eagle River WI 54521
www.holperinsenate.com

Senator Mark Miller

Friends of Mark Miller
4903 Roigan Terrace
Monona WI 53716

Senator Bob Wirsch

Friends of Robert W. Wirsch
3007 Springbrook Road
Pleasant Prairie WI 53158
www.bobwirsch.com

Senator Julie Lassa

Friends of Julie Lassa
P.O. Box 483
Plover WI 54467

Senator Fred Risser

Friends of Fred Risser
16 North Carroll Street, Ste 200
Madison WI 53703

Senator Dave Hansen

Friends of Dave Hansen
920 Coppens Rd
Green Bay WI 53403
www.hansenforsenate.com

Senator Kathleen Vinehout

Voters for Vinehout
P.O. Box 1274
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Senator Bob Jauch

Citizens for Jauch
5271 South Maple Drive
Poplar, WI 54864

Senator Tim Cullen

Friends of Tim Cullen
1215 Bennett St.
Janesville, WI 53545

Senator Tim Carpenter

Friends of Tim Carpenter
2957 South 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Senator Chris Larson

Friends of Chris Larson
3261 S. Herman St.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Senator Jon Erpenbach

Jon Erpenbach Senate Committee
P.O. Box 628351
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February 24, 2011

**SOLIDARITY NOW!
SUPPORT WORKERS IN WISCONSIN AND OHIO!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As you are well aware, public service workers and their unions are under attack in Wisconsin and Ohio, with protests beginning to take shape in several other states. Thousands of working families have turned out to let Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker know it's not acceptable to take away the rights of workers to collective bargaining in his state. This is part of a national campaign to destroy unions as the most effective and powerful progressive force in America. It is the most serious threat to organized labor in generations, and it has to be stopped.

Allowing this to happen is not a choice and is nothing less than an attempt to break unions and further decimate the middle class of this country. Without organized labor protecting union families there is no guarantee of pension and health care, of safe working conditions, of fair wages, of overtime compensation.

The IATSE must stand alongside our brothers and sisters in these beleaguered states so that this union-busting disease does not become contagious. Members of IATSE Locals in Wisconsin, Ohio and other states are urged to show their solidarity with public service workers and wherever working families' rights are being threatened.

I am urging you to contact the local unions in your District to advise them that we need to stand together as a unified force against those who would strip us of the hard-won benefits it has taken us decades to build.

The Locals should keep in contact with their State and Local labor bodies and check the IATSE Web site to obtain information about events being scheduled in their areas.

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