



Boston to Madison to Sacramento... Attacks on Public Employees Don't Help Our Communities!

Our school teachers, welfare workers, public nurses, firefighters and police officers did not cause the state and local budget crises.

The Great Recession has created real and deep budget deficit problems for state and local governments. Tax revenues plummeted, while costs of helping the victims of Wall Street's excesses have soared. Federal stimulus funds are drying up. Meanwhile, thanks to taxpayer bailouts, corporate America is now sitting on \$2 trillion of uninvested profits. *So why are politicians of all stripes embracing "fiscal austerity"?*

The attack on public sector unions is part and parcel of the class war of the super-rich against the rest of us. Not satisfied with a growing share of national income and wealth; not satisfied with tax cuts, so that now the poorest citizens pay a higher share of their income in taxes than do the wealthiest; not satisfied with a Supreme Court that has allowed mega-dollars to buy elections, the corporate super-rich want to consolidate their economic and political power to such a degree that the balance will never be righted!

Today, they are coming for the unions. Tomorrow, they'll be coming for Social Security. The day after that, they'll be coming for you!

So what can we do? Stand up to the governors and their budget cuts – whether in Wisconsin, or Massachusetts.

Tell them we don't want to live in communities without quality education, without safe streets, with inadequate health care, and lacking the programs and services we all need. Times are tough and families are struggling. This is the worst time to cut the local services we all rely on. **Now is the time to invest in our communities, not to gut them!** And the cost of investing needs to be shared fairly.

Call your state representative and senator at 617-722-2000. Ask them to fight budget cuts, and support **"An Act to Invest in Our Communities"** (Senate Bill No. 1416; House Bill No. 2553) This bill would reform state taxes to place less of a burden on the working & middle classes and ask more of a share from the wealthiest 5% of all taxpayers, while narrowing the budget gap.

Invest in Our Communities! Fund our Future!

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