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HOFFA: RIGHT-TO-WORK IN WISCONSIN IS ANOTHER STEP DOWN THE WRONG ROAD FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Gov. Scott Walker Signs Destructive Bill into Law, Furthers Right-Wing, Special Interest Agenda

(WASHINGTON) – The following is the official statement from Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa on Wisconsin becoming a right-to-work state.

“Today, Gov. Scott Walker ignored the will of Wisconsin’s working families, signing a right-to-work bill into law that was fast tracked through the state legislature.

“As we all know, right-to-work laws are designed to do one thing and one thing only – attack working families and the middle class by weakening their strongest advocate, labor unions. Their goal is to weaken bargaining rights, drive down wages and benefits and roll back rights on the job.

“Wisconsin is now the 25th state to adopt right-to-work laws as politicians like Walker push forward the agenda of their right-wing task masters. The Koch brothers, through Americans for Prosperity and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) have poured millions of dollars into states across the country to push right-to-work legislation.

“These corporate interests will not stop in Wisconsin – they continue to attack working families, moving from state to state. We must remain strong and fight them wherever right-to-work legislation is introduced.

“I make this pledge to you – the Teamsters Union will not stand on the sidelines – we will fight right-to-work wherever it is introduced and protect working families.”

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