

# The Wisconsin Patriot Coalition

## Conservative Grassroots and Citizen-Taxpayers Taking Strong Action against Delinquent Teachers and Legislators

(Madison) – This past week the Wisconsin Patriot Coalition (WPC) observed as teachers from across the state called in “sick” in order to attend labor protests at the State Capitol. The “contagion,” which shut down school districts in all corners of Wisconsin, likewise spread to 14 of Wisconsin’s Democrat senators, who are apparently still recuperating in Illinois.

The WPC and a host of Wisconsin’s citizen-taxpayers whom we represent—and with whom we partner—will no longer tolerate such unprofessional behavior, all of which constitutes breach of contract or dereliction of duty. Over the past few days, members of grassroots groups across the state have advanced two key initiatives to hold Wisconsin’s public employees and elected officials accountable.

First, the WPC has organized a stream of open records requests from taxpayers to our 400+ school districts regarding teacher “sick leave” taken over the past week and related matters. We are keen to determine the full extent of teacher delinquency as related to the current labor protests at the State Capitol. We know that in some cases school-district administrators have facilitated teacher delinquency in this regard and may thus try to evade the open records requests they receive. We hereby apprise those districts that we have already contacted the Attorney General’s office about this possibility and believe grounds may exist to compel provision of the requested information.

Second, by tomorrow, recall papers will have been filed for the following senators presently absent without leave from their responsibilities at the State Capitol:

- Lena Taylor (D-4)
- Spencer Coggs (D-6)
- Jim Holperin (D-12)
- Mark Miller (D-16)
- Robert Wirch (D-22)
- Julie Lassa (D-24)
- Fred Risser (D-26)
- Dave Hansen (D-30)

By contrast, the WPC congratulates the governor and the vast majority of Republican legislators who, in the face of tremendous pressure over the past week—including abject harassment of their families—have not once wavered on the Budget Adjustment Bill. We hereby commit our ongoing support to our governor and these lawmakers as they see this battle through to the end. We commend them heartily for doing what we sent them to Madison to do and express our deep admiration for their steadfastness and resolve.

There is word that three Republican legislators are having second thoughts about aspects of the bill related to collective bargaining. Those legislators—one senator and two assemblymen—should know that we are watching very closely. We expect them to fall in line with their colleagues. If they do not, recall papers can just as easily be filed against Republicans as against Democrats.

The WPC is comprised of local conservative grassroots groups based in communities across Wisconsin. It exists specifically to develop and advance: legislation that adheres to unalienable rights and individual freedoms as recognized by the founders of this nation; the framework for limited government set forth within the United States Constitution; free-market solutions; and educational initiatives that inform the public on such legislation, principles, and solutions.