



## Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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All BMWED Members who reside  
in the State of Wisconsin

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am sure that by now each of you are aware of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's war on public sector employees in your state. Recently, Governor Walker and Republican Legislators passed their union-busting budget adjustment bill that will strip public sector employees of their right to bargain as union employees, even after the employees had agreed to pension and wage concessions.

Wisconsin is the front line for the war on workers that is happening in a number of states. We must take a stand in Wisconsin against these reprehensible actions and send a message to Walker, his cronies, and other Governors, so they know we will not sit idly by and watch the middle class and workers rights destroyed.

You can help in this important battle. Recall efforts against 8 Republican Senators are already underway and the BMWED/Teamsters are actively participating. If you live in one of the designated districts and are a registered voter, I encourage you to sign the recall petition for your State Legislator at your very earliest convenience and participate in this effort.

Efforts to recall Governor Walker cannot begin until he has been in office for one year following his assuming the office.

Listed below are offices maintained by the recall committees that will be open for the duration of the recall. You can stop in 7 days a week from 9am – 9pm to sign petitions, canvass and volunteer.

SD 2 - Senator Cowles  
Green Bay  
1061 W. Mason Street

SD 14 - Senator Olsen  
Portage  
216 West Wisconsin Street

SD 18 - Senator Hopper  
Fond du Lac  
21 North Portland Street



SE 10 - Senator Hasdorf  
Menominee  
105 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street, North

SD 18 – Senator Hopper  
Oshkosh  
480 Main Street

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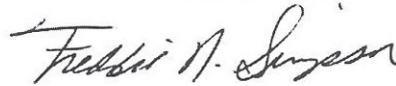
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Your help with this extremely important action could very well insure that you have a voice and a right to bargain in the work place going into the future.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Freddie N. Jensen".

President

Attachment

cc: National Division Officers and  
General Chairmen  
Mr. William A. Bon  
Mr. E. Randall Brassell  
Mr. Leon R. Fenhaus

## **What's in a Recall: What you Need to Know in the Wisconsin Recall Efforts**

### ***What exactly is a recall election?***

A recall election allows voters to remove elected officials from office through a direct vote when enough signatures are gathered. In the case of Wisconsin, the incumbent would potentially face a primary recall election and, if victorious, face one candidate from the other major political party along with independent candidates who qualify.

### ***How come we can't recall Governor Walker and all Republican Senators who passed the union-busting legislation to eliminate collective bargaining?***

Under state law, voters can not attempt to recall elected officials until those officials complete the first year of the term in which they were elected to serve. In the case of Governor Walker and many of the Republican Senators, we only have to wait until next January.

### ***What's the timeline for a recall election in Wisconsin?***

Once a petition to file a recall has been filed with the State, a recall committee and its signature gatherers have 60 days to collect signatures and return them to the State. Once signatures are submitted, the State will validate those signatures, and the targeted official can challenge those signatures if he or she so chooses.

Since recalling these Senators will have a partisan component, a recall primary for both major political parties must occur on the sixth Tuesday after the signatures have been submitted. Subsequently, the general recall election would be held four weeks later.

### ***How many signatures do we need to recall these Republican Senators?***

The number of signatures varies in every Senate district. State law requires signature gatherers collect signatures of voters that equal 25% of votes in the previous gubernatorial election in that specific Senate district. To avoid possible discrepancies, we encourage trying to double the number of signatures collected in each district.

### ***Who can circulate recall petitions and gather signatures?***

The State requires that recall committees be established to collect signatures for recall efforts. Wisconsin residents who can legally vote – that district or otherwise – can collect signatures for the recall. Volunteers can circulate petitions for signatures, and the recall committee can pay people to gather signatures.