

Working People's Day of Action

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Capitol Square, Madison

Madison, WI – AFSCME Wisconsin, along with Jobs With Justice and other partners, is mobilizing workers to Madison as part of a massive nationwide day of action on February 24. The “Working People’s Day of Action” will span events in dozens of cities across the country, with tens of thousands expected to join the call for an end to policies that rig the economy and political system against working people.

The Working People’s Day of Action comes amid grassroots efforts across the country to defend basic freedoms for working people. In the past few weeks alone, the nation has witnessed transit equity actions honoring Rosa Parks, planned strikes by fast food workers across the South and the growth of movements calling attention to the intersection of economic and racial justice – including the [I AM 2018 campaign](#) and the Poor People’s Campaign.

The Working People’s Day of Action is also occurring just days before the Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*, a case funded by billionaires and corporate interests to attack the rights of working people.

In Madison, Wisconsin workers will mobilize for a rally at the state capitol at 1:00pm on February 24. The event will demonstrate to all those who attack the rights of working people the political momentum in Wisconsin and across the country heading into the 2018 elections.

FULL EVENT PACKET: <http://bit.ly/2CmWLtB>

As billionaires and corporate special interests, aided by the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress, ramp up efforts to scale back [labor](#) and [voting rights](#), and the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the [Janus v. AFSCME Council 31](#) case, recent reports indicate that the economic and political systems continue to enrich only a few. Meanwhile, [fewer than 40 percent of Americans](#) can afford a minor emergency and [more than 80 percent of the world’s wealth](#) is going to the top 1 percent.

“The economic and political system in Wisconsin has been rigged against working people for too long. We are gathering together to demand fair treatment and respect from our elected officials,” said Rick Badger, Executive Director of AFSCME Wisconsin.

In addition to Madison, events are already planned in Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Memphis, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Saint Paul, San Diego, and Washington DC.

“We’re standing shoulder to shoulder to rise up against those advancing their profits over our progress,” said Jobs With Justice Executive Director Sarita Gupta. “No court, no president, and no corporate bully can stop us when enough of us unite for our freedoms to achieve a decent living, equitable workplaces, strong health care, safe communities, and a better future.”