

Service Employees International Union: Milwaukee essential workers take demands for COVID relief, \$15/Hr to Sen. Ron Johnson

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MILWAUKEE —As the debate in Washington heats up over the American Rescue Plan, essential workers with the Service Employees International Union, the Fight for \$15 and a Union, and from For Our Future Fund and other allies will come together at noon on Tuesday at the Federal Building, 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., demanding that Sen. Ron Johnson and other elected officials fight for the strongest relief package possible that prioritizes the needs of working families and includes a \$15/hr minimum wage.

Essential workers will make their demands heard via car caravans, town halls, rallies, protests, art installations and other actions in Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan and California.

WHO: Essential workers and allies

WHAT: Press conference demanding Sen. Ron Johnson's support of the American Rescue Plan

WHEN: Tuesday, March 2 at 12 pm CT

WHERE: Outside the Federal Building, 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

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Tuesday's day of action comes on the heels of nationwide efforts over the last several months by essential workers in SEIU and the Fight for \$15 and a Union. Just two weeks ago on February 16, fast-food and care workers in 20 cities took action and demanded a strong relief package that includes \$15/hr. Fast-food cooks and cashiers also went on strike to demand that companies like McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's raise wages to \$15/hr immediately.

It also follows months of action on the part of frontline service and care workers who have been in motion to raise demands for \$15 and a union, racial justice, massive support for state and local essential services, a transformative investment in good union jobs in the care economy, and a path to citizenship for all immigrant families at the forefront of discussions about relief and recovery.