

Dear Governor Walker,

We write to urge you to veto the bills passed during the Legislature's recent extraordinary session.

Wisconsin has always had a longstanding commitment to open and deliberative government, but the drafts of these bills were released late on a Friday afternoon during the busy holiday season and rushed to a hearing and floor session that gave voters and stakeholders little time to respond.

During your eight years as Governor, you have strived for government to be accountable to taxpayers. These changes leave taxpayers with uncertain bills to pay for years to come.

Additionally, these changes will damage our public institutions, not restore balance between legislative and executive branch authorities. These changes go too far in limiting the discretion of the executive branch, which will tie the hands of future governors.

Further, these changes raise serious uncertainties for our most vulnerable populations by restricting the executive's authority to implement programs that meet their needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Community Advocates Public Policy Institute  
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice  
End Domestic Abuse WI  
Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin  
Walker's Point Youth & Family Center  
Feeding Wisconsin  
South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO  
9to5, National Association of Working Women –  
WI Chapter  
Wisconsin Council of Churches  
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Family Ties  
African American Roundtable  
Black Leaders Organizing for Communities  
Citizen Action  
Wisconsin Chapter of the National Organization for  
Women (NOW)  
Madison chapter of National Organization for  
Women (NOW)  
Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin  
WAVE Educational Fund  
Survival Coalition

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health  
Hunger Task Force  
Mental Health America of Wisconsin  
Kids Forward  
Project Infinity  
Uplifting Black Liberation and Community  
Priceless Incite  
Worker Justice Wisconsin  
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin  
WAVE (Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort)  
Milwaukee Coalition for Children's Mental Health  
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin  
The Arc Wisconsin  
Save IRIS  
Sherman Park Community Association  
The FRESH Project  
Cashton Cupboard & Closet Food Pantry  
Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.  
Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network  
Wisconsin Early Childhood Association  
Sharing Center, Inc.  
SEIU WI State Council