April 15 national worker action: Fight for \$15

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Dear AFT-Wisconsin members,

Tomorrow (Wednesday), April 15, workers across the country will be participating in job actions and rallies to fight to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and to build union strength among some of our most vulnerable working sisters and brothers. In dozens of cities across the country, workers will be walking off the job at retail stores and fast food restaurants to strike for \$15 and a union.

If you're in Madison, workers will be walking out between 11:30 and 12:45 at various stores and restaurants along East Washington. (The names of the stores aren't public, because announcing them in advance would give bosses and owners the opportunity to intimidate employees from participating.) Community members who want to support striking workers are invited to meet at 11:15 a.m. at the corner of East Washington and North Oak St. There will be a rally at 2:00 p.m. at Library Mall on the UW-Madison campus, after which supporters can take a bus to Milwaukee to participate in a historic mass mobilization. The bus will leave from in front of the Chazen museum at 2:45 p.m., and will return to Madison by 8:30 p.m. Or, if you're in the Milwaukee area, you can go straight to the rally, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union at 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.

If you can't make the trip to Milwaukee, you can join members of AFT local 3220, the UW-Madison Teaching Assistants' Association, who will be phone banking voters to fight Scott Walker's cuts and attacks on the UW System – they will be meeting at the Madison Labor Temple (1602 S Park St.) in room 212 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

I hope you can take part in one or more of these events to support our sisters and brothers fighting for economic justice!

In solidarity,

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