

Fund WI Coalition to Save Civil Service

Whereas, the WI Coalition to Save Civil Service formed around Thanksgiving 2015 and has goals of spreading the word to coworkers and the public about the crisis, holding those accountable who supported Act 150 dismantling key parts of civil service, and building the union, and includes SCFL, AFSCME and AFT locals and good government groups like the WI Democracy Campaign and

Whereas, the Coalition sponsored downtown building meetings in state office buildings and a Teach-In at the Capitol in January and facilitated newspaper Op Ed pieces by SCFL and AFTW Presidents and plans to launch a blog with FAQs on the new law and other activities, therefore be it

Resolved, that WPEC affirms its affiliation with this group and pledges \$200 toward a banner for the Coalition, expenses for observations the Anniversary of WI Civil Service on June 17, and other activities of the Coalition.

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Ask AFT National for Help with Civil Service Fight

Whereas, the Civil Service Merit System is threatened for federal and state workers across the country and after 100 years of success has been virtually eliminated in several states recently including passage of Act 150 in Wisconsin, and

Whereas, this is a coordinated campaign by right wing forces to destroy public sector institutions and uses similar arguments, ALEC model legislation, and follows a “big lie” disaster capitalism model (for example blaming civil service instead of elected and appointed officials for the lead poisoning of the people of Flint), and

Whereas, AFT represents state employees in Wisconsin and many other states and can learn from recent setbacks and prevent Civil Service from falling domino like across the country, and

Whereas, the fight to save Civil Service birthed AFSCME and state employee unions generally in the 1930s and protection of Civil Service is a major motivation to keep state employee unions strong, and

Whereas, we are currently fighting to save Civil Service largely with volunteers and could benefit from help with research, communications, expert testimony, canned fact sheets and resources, history pieces, printer-ready materials, quotes, and tracking of ALEC legislation for example, therefore be it

Resolved, WPEC will write a formal letter to AFT requesting in detail assistance with saving Civil Service including help with training retirees to be public spokespeople and active on social media, and other related help.

Passed.