

Friends,

The lack of bold action and the refusal of the Wisconsin GOP to accept their responsibility as legislators places unnecessary and oppressive hardships on Wisconsin's working families.

In the midst of an unprecedented pandemic, economic collapse, and state violence towards marginalized communities, the people of Wisconsin have been abandoned by elected state legislators for over four calendar months. BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), deserve to see bipartisan efforts put towards police reform and a state legislature that takes up the mantle of racial equity. Wisconsin is the most segregated state in the country, and we cannot wait any longer to institute meaningful reform on behalf of all Wisconsinites.

**With a condensed time frame for actionable solutions mandatory to aid the safety of all Wisconsin residents, we call for the following conditions as requirements to nullify the current crisis in leadership:**

1. The *recognition of the rights of assembly* by peaceful anti-violence protestors free of intimidation or curfews, the renunciation of illegal paramilitary militias, and the abolition of rubber bullets, facial recognition technologies, and all chemical agents banned in warfare under the Geneva Protocols and the U.N.'s Chemical Weapons Convention.
2. A *moratorium beginning September 1st on evictions for all renters* in Wisconsin. Enforced evictions will displace masses of Wisconsinites, including a disproportionate rate of impact in communities of color. The rental moratorium is reinforced by (ART. IV, §28, WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION). Furthermore, the threat of mass evictions impinges on the civil liberties of persons by voter residency requirements in conjunction with an election year.
3. The *immediate resignation* of Kenosha Police Chief Daniel Miskinis and Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth. If a refusal to tender a resignation is forthcoming, the demand for Mayor John Antaramian to submit a request for the Police Chief's immediate removal to the Kenosha Police and Fire Commission, and the Kenosha Sheriff's removal by Governor Tony Evers provided under the authority in [ss.17.001, 17.06 (3), & 17.09 (5), Stats.] These direct actions are echoed by the national ACLU for multiple events in Kenosha condemned by the United Nations Human Rights Organization.
4. The *immediate establishment of the Policing Accountability and Transparency Reforms* set forward in [LRB 6273](#), [LRB 6274](#), [LRB 6275](#), [LRB 6276](#), [LRB 6277](#), [LRB 6281](#), [LRB 6283](#), [LRB 6289](#), and [LRB 6292](#), and the understanding that all state funding cuts for the reallocation of monies to critical social programs are divorced from any proposal or stipulation that diminishes funds based on the reallocation of Policing budgets for the public well-being.
5. The *immediate release of Federal Medicaid funds* to expand Wisconsin's public health option under the BadgerCare system. Continued rejection of federally available money during a

pandemic needlessly results in 82,000 more uninsured Wisconsinites and costs the state \$324 million in critical budgetary monies immediately needed for reallocation to combat multiple public health crises.

6. The *immediate repeal of the 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 Budget Repair Bill* and a reinstatement of collective bargaining rights for all public employees in the state of Wisconsin, provided in conjunction with (ART. I, §12, WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION), as the selective nature of Act 10 diminishes labor rights antithetical to the Wisconsin Constitution in Art. I Sec.12, in there being “no law impairing the obligation of contracts, that shall ever be passed.”

In light of Wisconsin’s vast history of exporting humanitarian and progressive ideals worldwide, and its deep and significant contributions to the history of organized and inclusive labor in the United States, the continued inaction of the State Legislature can be expected to be met with an equal amount of inaction on the part of Wisconsin Workers. To expect a functioning state economy requires work in good faith towards the above proposals and the formation of a new social contract between all parties.

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