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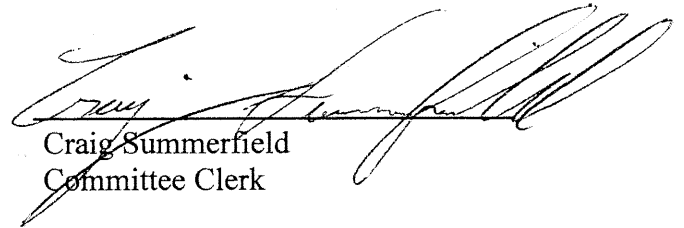
**Senate Bill 233**

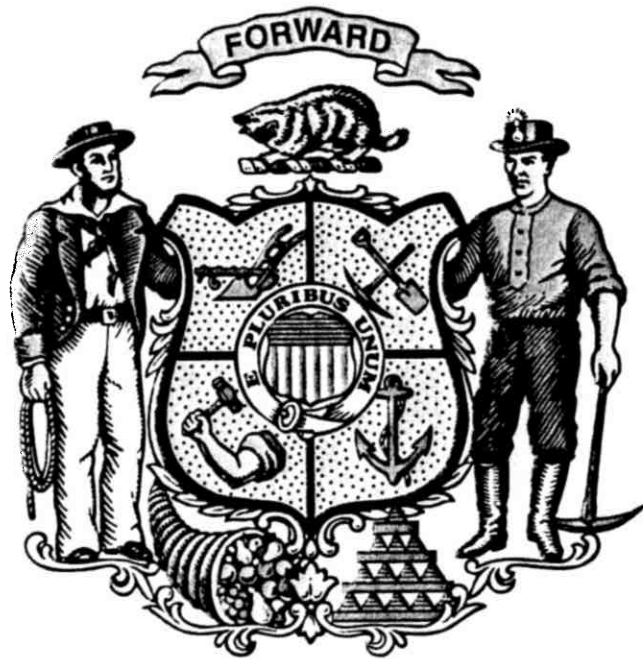
Relating to: collective bargaining for public employees, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

By Senators Risser, Carpenter, S. Coggs, Erpenbach, Hansen, Holperin, Jauch, King, C. Larson, Lassa, Miller, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Wirch and T. Cullen; cosponsored by Representatives Pocan, Barca, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bewley, Doyle, Fields, Grigsby, Hebl, Hintz, Hulsey, Jorgensen, Kessler, Mason, Milroy, Molepske Jr, Pasch, Pope-Roberts, Richards, Ringhand, Roys, Seidel, Sinicki, Staskunas, Steinbrink, C. Taylor, Turner, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick and Clark.

October 12, 2011      Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

March 15, 2012      Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

  
Craig Summerfield  
Committee Clerk



# WISCONSIN TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL No. 39

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October 19, 2011

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To: Senate Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs

WAYNE SCHULTZ  
*Recording Secretary*  
1314 N. Stoughton Road  
Madison, WI 53714

Re: SB 233

GEROLD JACOBS  
*Trustee*  
1624 Yout Street  
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Senator,

THOMAS MILLONZI  
*Trustee*  
6200 W. Bluemound Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

On behalf of Wisconsin Teamsters Joint Council 39, I am advising you of our strong support for SB 233.

DAVE BRUGGER  
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1314 N. Stoughton Road  
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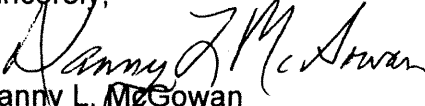
The State of Wisconsin had some of the oldest collective bargaining laws on the books in the country. Wisconsin has been the State for many firsts and the right to collective bargaining was one of them.

Wisconsin Act 10 (Budget Repair Bill) basically eliminated the right of public employees to collective bargaining. This was done under the guise of fixing the State's budget. The real purpose of the bill was to destroy public employee unions and to take away the voice of the workers in the public sector. This was bad legislation and was not good for Wisconsin or its workers

Senate Bill 233 would restore the collective bargaining rights to public employees and would once again allow for employees to have a voice in the workplace.

The public employees in Wisconsin deserve to have this bill heard in Committee as soon as possible and passed on to the full Senate for a vote. I urge you to do the right thing and move SB 233 forward.

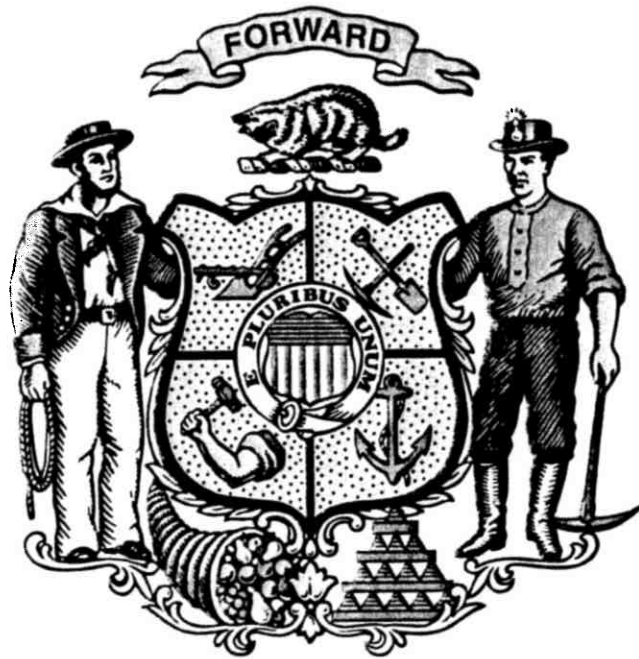
Sincerely,

  
Danny L. McGowan  
Legislative Liaison

Wisconsin Teamsters Joint Council 39

Cc: Senators, Wanggaard, Grothman, Lazich, Wirch, King, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpinbach, Fitzgerald, Galloway, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Jausch, Kedzie, Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Zipperer.

Representatives, Pocan, Barca, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bewley, Doyle, Fields, Grigsby, Hebl, Hulsey, Jorgensen, Kessler, Mason Milroy, Molepske Jr., Pasch, Pope-Roberts, Ringhand, Roys, Seidel, Sinicki, Staskunas, Steinbrink, C. Taylor, Turner, Young, Zamarripa, and Zepnick.





**ROBERT W. WIRCH**  
STATE SENATOR TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

October 26, 2011

Sen. Van Wanggaard, Chair  
Senate Committee on Labor, Public Safety and Urban Affairs  
319 South Wing, State Capitol

Dear Senator Wanggaard:

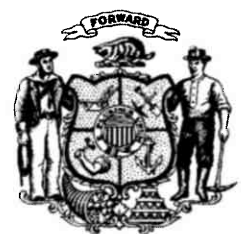
I am writing you to request that a public hearing be scheduled to discuss **Senate Bill 233**, introduced by Sen. Risser and Rep. Pocan, which would restore collective bargaining rights for state employees.

According to a study by the Institute for Wisconsin's Future, there are roughly 350,000 public workers in the state, including 8,659 in Kenosha County and 9,098 in Racine County. I feel it is important and fair that these people are given a chance to have their say on this piece of legislation. Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Wirsch", written over the printed name.

**ROBERT W. WIRCH**  
State Senator  
22<sup>nd</sup> Senate District





# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P.O. BOX 8952 · MADISON, WI 53708

November 1, 2011

Senator Van Wanggaard, Committee Chair on Labor, Public Safety & Urban Affairs  
319 South, State Capitol  
PO Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

HAND-DELIVERED

Dear Chariman Wanggaard,

Senate Bill 233, which would restore collective bargaining rights to public employees, was recently referred to the Senate Committee Chair on Labor, Public Safety & Urban Affairs. We write today to respectfully request you hold a public hearing on this bill in front of your committee.

Collective bargaining affords workers the right to use their collective voice to negotiate not just on wages, but workplace safety and other working conditions. The passage of the collective bargaining provisions in 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 are having unintended consequences that I hope was not the intention of the legislature when this law was passed.

Passage of SB 233 is the single most important step to restoring civility and sanity to our government. By supporting this bill, you will restore morale amongst our public employees and you will help heal Wisconsin.

Through this letter, we are not attempting to persuade you to support our bill. Rather, we are simply encouraging you to schedule a public hearing on our bill. We believe that if you take the time to hear the heartfelt stories from public workers who have been harmed by 2011 WI Act 10, you will quickly realize supporting this bill is the road to healing our state.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan  
State Representative, 78<sup>th</sup> District

Fred Risser  
State Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> District

MP:gw

