

## Sample Member Call Script

Hi, may I speak to \_\_\_\_\_? This is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ UniServ or WEAC, your union. How are you this morning/afternoon/evening? (pause)

I'm calling you today because of an urgent crisis. As you may have heard, Governor Walker is proposing changes to state law in his "budget fix" bill that would take away as much as 6 thousand dollars per year from your pay. That's 500 dollars a month out of your pocket. But that's not all...

The Governor's budget fix will destroy your collective bargaining agreement and rights and give school districts complete control over your professional life (including the ability to fire staff for no reason and without the right to grieve the decision). The bill penalizes you and your family simply because you are a public employee. WEAC [or insert UniServ] members like you didn't cause the state's budget problems and you shouldn't be punished just because you work in a school [technical college or for the state].

We need your help right now to stop this from happening because the bill may be voted on as early as this Thursday. Are you interested in taking action on this?

**IF YES:** Great! I'm going to list several actions you can take that will make a big difference. Please let me know, which action or actions you'd like to take.

1. Call your legislators [yes/no]
2. Email your legislators [yes/no]
3. Send letters to editor and statements to media blogs [yes/no]
4. Where red at school Monday through Thursday to show solidarity [yes/no]
5. Come to Madison (at the State Capitol) on Tuesday and/or Wednesday to attend a rally and lobby legislators [yes/no]
6. Participate in a local/UniServ action (insert details) [yes/no]

Provide details for each action they express interest in taking – see below.

1. Call your legislators

If they know who their state legislators are, provide them the phone numbers on the attached pages. If not, direct them to [weac.org/cyberlobby](http://weac.org/cyberlobby). All they have to do is input their zip code and the system will provide them the names of their legislators and their contact information. The State Capitol switch board number is 1-800-362-9472.

When they call their legislator, have them say that ***the budget repair bill will divide the state of Wisconsin and have a devastating effect on public education. As a vote and your constituent, I urge you to vote No on the budget repair bill.***

2. Email your legislators

They can do this by visiting [www.weac.org/cyberlobby](http://www.weac.org/cyberlobby). Sample email messages are provided, as well as information on which their legislators are.

3. Send letters to editor and statements to media blogs

There are samples provided on [www.weac.org](http://www.weac.org), click on <Find out what you can do now!> on the front page next to Mary Bell's video. The cyberlobby page also includes links to a number of local newspaper, see the "media guide tab.

*Alternatively, you can ask for the email address and send them the sample letters to the editor and blog entries provided by WEAC.*

4. Where red at school Monday through Thursday to show solidarity

No instructions needed. Explain that this action is meant to show solidarity and generate community interest and discussion.

5. Come to Madison (State Capitol) on Tuesday and/or Wednesday to attend a rally and lobby legislators

Remind members that they will need to have the day off.

See the bus information below and share it if applicable. Otherwise, members can come to the State Capitol either Tuesday or Wednesday. There will be rallies each day at 11:00 a.m. and lobbying after the rally. WEAC staff will be in the Capitol and available to assist.

6. Participate in a local/UniServ action (insert details)

Insert information on any local or UniServ actions that are planned.

**Thank you so much! We all in this together and your effort here will really help!**

**IF NO:** OK. If you change your mind, go to [weac.org](http://weac.org) for information on actions you can take [call your UniServ at \_\_\_\_\_ for information]. Thank you for your time today. Goodbye.

*Note: Please keep the call as polite and conversational as possible. If a member wants to comment about the issue, pause and let them speak before continuing the script. If they want more information, refer to the fact sheet for details, and encourage them to visit [WEAC.org](http://WEAC.org).*