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Special Delivery! Wisconsin Workers Send Senator Johnson Vacation-Style Postcards Urging Him to Pass the PRO Act

Retro-style vacation postcards are being sent from union members at iconic spots across the state

Since Ron Johnson refuses to meet with workers, a cardboard cutout of the Senator stands in as workers urge Ron Johnson to support the Protecting the Right to Organize Act



(MILWAUKEE, WI July 20, 2021) – As part of the AFL-CIO nationwide week of action to pass the PRO Act July 17-25, Wisconsin workers are calling on Ron Johnson to support union rights and a just economic recovery with a postcard campaign urging the Senator to vote YES on the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. Wisconsin workers are also calling out the Senator for refusing to meet with workers to discuss the legislation.

“Ron Johnson can’t hide from workers,” says **Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO**. “Across Wisconsin, union members are ‘meeting’ with cardboard Senator Johnson and snapping a photo to send him a message to support the PRO Act. If we want to have a healthy American middle class, we need strong unions. Since Senator Ron Johnson has refused to meet and discuss this vital pro-worker legislation, we are getting creative this summer to raise our voices for a just recovery with Senate passage of the pro-worker Protecting the Right to Organize Act.”

The PRO Act will update federal labor law to better support workers who want to organize and form a union. It passed the U.S. House with bipartisan support in March of 2021. Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin is a co-sponsor of the legislation.

“We need to empower workers by passing the PRO Act,” said **Rick Gallo, President of the Kenosha AFL-CIO and member of APWU Local 840**. “It’s unfortunate and unacceptable that Senator Ron Johnson continues to refuse to meet with workers to discuss how the PRO Act will help strengthen our middle class. We will continue to call on Senator Ron Johnson to support the PRO Act because we need a workers-first economy where anyone who works hard and plays by the rules can get ahead.”

“Anyone who has organized a union or knows a friend who has organized a union, knows that the chips are stacked against working people because employers spare no expense to crush worker solidarity,” said **Sue Conard, a retired AFSCME Council 32 member from La Crosse**. “What is Ron Johnson hiding from? Since he won’t meet with us, we are raising our voices and calling on Senator Johnson in a creative way to vote to pass the PRO Act.”

Postcards are being sent from the Mars Cheese Castle in Kenosha, the Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues in Eau Claire, the Houdini Castle and History Museum in Appleton, the Devil’s Doorway in Baraboo and the world’s largest 6-pack in La Crosse. Postcards from iconic spots will be released [online](#) in coordination with a handwritten postcard campaign from union members to both Wisconsin Senators. [In-person events](#) to call on the Senate to pass the PRO Act will also be held in Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, La Crosse and Superior.

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