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AFSCME Members Stand up for Freedom and to End Rigged System at Day on the Hill

SAINT PAUL — Members of AFSCME Council 5 will pack the Capitol Rotunda Tuesday, March 20 to stand up for their freedom to form strong unions and their freedom to speak up for themselves, their families and their communities.

Union members are under attack from corporate CEOs and wealthy extremists who have rigged the economy and the political system, and now want to stack the deck even more in their favor by silencing workers through court cases and anti-worker amendments, even here in Minnesota. But AFSCME members and their union brothers and sisters refuse to give up their rights.

Council 5 members will gather in a powerful demonstration of solidarity on March 20, carrying signs that shout, "It's About Freedom!"

"People have the right to stand up for what they believe in, to stand up, organize and form a union," says Council 5 executive director John P. Westmoreland. "If we're not going to stand up for our freedom, who is? It's all about freedom, everyone's freedom. We have to defend it everywhere, to stand up and say no more loss of human rights, no more loss of human dignity, no more loss of person or place, no more loss of freedom."

After the Day on the Hill Rotunda rally, members will visit their own senators and representatives to help shape a legislative agenda that will secure an even brighter future for hardworking Minnesotans. Issues include protecting retirement security, retaining and training child protection workers, local control, safe staffing, transportation investment, and approving state worker contracts.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: AFSCME Council 5 Day on the Hill

WHO: Hundreds of workers from all across Minnesota will rally in defense of their rights to come together to form strong unions, negotiate a fair return on their work, and speak up for themselves and their communities.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda, 75 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, Minn.

AFSCME Council 5 is a union of 43,000 workers who advocate for excellence in services for the public, dignity in the workplace, and opportunity and prosperity for all working families.

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