



media advisory

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AFSCME Day on the Hill: Tuesday, March 28 Rotunda Rally at 3:45 p.m.

Members of AFSCME Council 5 – one of Minnesota’s largest and most politically active unions – will come to the State Capitol Tuesday to help shape a budget that will secure a brighter future for hardworking Minnesotans.

Nearly 1,200 union members will rally March 28 at 3:45 p.m. in the rotunda and meet with their state legislators that afternoon.

Legislative priorities:

- Reinvest in public services to support Minnesota’s quality of life
- Move Minnesota with new revenue for roads, bridges and transit
- Staff up for safety at state-run mental health facilities
- Oppose leasing the private prison in Appleton
- Protect retirement security and defined-benefit pensions
- Help counties hire, train and retain child protection workers
- Support local control and oppose corporate interference

Rally speakers:

- Eliot Seide, executive director, AFSCME Council 5 – Protect our future!
- Joe Strunk, correctional officer, DOC Lino Lakes – protect retirement security for all
- Scuffy Paulson, road worker, DOT Rochester – move forward on transportation
- Angelle Kanneh, mental health worker, DHS Anoka – staff up for safety
- Tim Headlee, security counselor, DHS St. Peter – bond for safe workplaces
- Jerry Firkus, correctional officer, DOC Moose Lake – ban private prisons
- Sara Crotteau, social worker, Hennepin County – protect children

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

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