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Dear Dennis Van Roekel

OSSTF/FEESO has been closely following the political environment in the United States since the November mid-term elections.

The escalating attack on the rights of workers, unions and free collective bargaining cannot be ignored. OSSTF admires and supports your members’ resolve and strength to fight back against this unprecedented assault. Your fight is our fight and we must stand together to protect workers’ fundamental rights in your country and ours.

The decline in the economy and its slow recovery cannot be blamed on public sector workers. Public sector workers are taxpayers too and we want the same things as our fellow citizens: good jobs; safe, vibrant communities to live in; strong public education systems to learn in and real opportunities to build secure futures. Public sector workers are not the enemy. We believe in working together to resolve issues. That is what we teach our students, and that is the lesson Governor Walker should remember.

On behalf of OSSTF/FEESO’s 68,000 members, I offer our support and solidarity and any assistance we can provide.

In solidarity

Kenneth Coran
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