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## MCEA Stands in Solidarity with Wisconsin Employees

MCEA, a statewide non-profit organization representing Maryland public employees for 75 years, strongly supports Wisconsin state employees in their fight to preserve their collective bargaining rights. MCEA members supported the statewide union rally on behalf of Wisconsin state workers on February 22, 2011 at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis, MD. MCEA President Stephen J. Schaefer has also reached out in support of Wisconsin workers.

MCEA President Mr. Schaefer exclaimed, "At a time when state employees salaries, health care costs and pensions are being compromised, MCEA stands firm in solidarity with state workers across the nation. Public employees are not to blame for our country's financial crisis, and taking away our seat at the bargaining table will also not solve that crisis. MCEA is proud to support public employees in their stand for the protection of their bargained rights!"

More information about MCEA is available at [www.mcea.org](http://www.mcea.org). For additional information, please contact Vanessa DiDomenico (MCEA Communications Director) at 1-888-611-MCEA, Ext. 211.

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