



Public Worker Union Rights!

Sample Email for State Legislators

Dear Rep. _____,

My name is _____ and I am a resident of _____ county and your constituent. I am writing to you today to urgently express the need to legalize collective bargaining for public sector workers in the State of Georgia. From teachers to university staff, school bus drivers, and health care workers, public service workers do the essential work that keeps our economy moving and communities safe and healthy.

On average, public service workers earn less than their counterparts in the private sector, and are disproportionately women and people of color. These essential workers are the cornerstones of our local communities – they keep children learning, the roads and railways clean, safe and functioning, and provide crucial community health and mental healthcare. Private sector collective bargaining is currently legal in Georgia. It goes without saying that public sector workers also deserve the right to a seat at the table, a more democratic workplace, and to have their voices heard.

Studies show that increased protections for public worker bargaining can help close the wage gap *and* improve crucial government services. More democracy in the workplace can mean safer classrooms for students, smaller classrooms, and higher quality service. It is essential that we legalize public sector bargaining in the State of Georgia. Permitting essential Georgia public workers a seat at the table is long overdue. Georgians deserve robust, well-funded public services, with public workers empowered to do their jobs!

Sincerely,