

The Egyptian Center for the Right to Education (ECER)- which is quite confident that all people of conscience in the world have the same feelings – expresses extreme shock and concern of what is happening to the violation of the rights of teachers, nurses and other workers in the state of Wisconsin and other states ruled by the Republicans, and affirms its full support for the rights of workers stressing that any violation of universal and fundamental rights to association, assembly, and bargaining and fair wages anywhere in the world is a violation of the rights of all wage earners anywhere in the world.

These violations result beyond a doubt to severe violations regarding the right to education and the right to health for school students, insofar as they produce a negative impact on future development trends, and weaken the sense of belonging and confidence (students and teachers have), possibly even increasing the possibility of school violence.

It has been and continues to be the American society that is a model for many communities, in its vitality and openness and the adoption and defense of fundamental rights. For that reason, we affirm that these violations are a deep shock in particular with regard to the potential use of force to control the situation, as it sets America up to give a pretext for all dictators and extremists around the world to do the same thing. These violations (against collective bargaining rights) might adversely affect not only the local economy of the United States but may even cause the complete collapse of the global economy. The American conservative right wing and its neoliberal patrons have tried out the new tools of Saddam politically in more than one region of the world, and we thought they had already learned his lesson well; but it seems that extremism and the desire to solve problems at the expense of the working classes, and by putting (the working class) in conditions of impoverishment and what this means for the entire violation of their rights is an inherent tendency within the New Right.

We reaffirm our solidarity and our full support for American workers. We consider what happens to them in terms of rights violations a dangerous indication of challenges to human rights anywhere, including in our country, and imminent danger. We pay tribute to the workers of American and to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)—hand in hand together we will stand up in the face of all forms of exploitation and injustice.

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