Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Walz released the following statement regarding the actions the Wisconsin Legislature took yesterday evening:

“Our nation was founded on a simple, but revolutionary idea. That the government could be of the people, by the people and for the people. The people of Wisconsin are standing up for their right to band together to negotiate decent working conditions and a fair wage and they simply want their voice to be heard.

Yesterday, by voting on a non-fiscal measure to strip the people of their right to collectively bargain, Wisconsin Republicans proved what we have known all along. This has never been about the budget. It’s been about limiting the rights and the voice of ordinary, working Americans.

But you can’t silence Americans by cutting them out of the political process when it’s convenient or even by banning them from entering their own state capitol. I have every reason to believe the people of Wisconsin will continue to raise their voices for freedom and I applaud their efforts.”

Walz is a high school teacher on leave from Mankato West High School while he serves in Congress.

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