

# The Pierre 24



This past Saturday 24 of our brothers and sisters made the trek to the Capitol in Pierre. We braved the 1 degree temperature, blowing snow and icy roads to support our brother and sister union members across this nation fighting to keep their collective bargaining rights. I realize there was a very short notice on this rally which may have kept many of you from attending this event. I sincerely hope that is the reason you were not there supporting your brothers and sisters in solidarity. You may be asking yourself why do I care about what is happening in places like Wisconsin and Ohio it doesn't affect me? This issue is not going to go away any time soon, if it passes anywhere it will spread like wildfire. At stake are:

1. Pension
2. Healthcare
3. Overtime
4. Disciplinary actions
5. Sick Leave
6. Holidays
7. Hours of work
8. Drug Testing
9. Workers' Compensation
10. Funeral Leave
11. Promotions

12. Grievances
13. Rules and Regulations
14. Layoff and Recall
15. Military Leave
16. Seniority
17. Staffing
18. Time Trades
19. Training and education
20. Uniforms and equipment
21. Vacations
22. Wages

I hope the message is clear and I apologize in advance for being “prickly”. I see a sense of urgency and I hope you all do as well.

Stay safe

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