

## We're strong because we're free!

***Our country is strong because we're free! Free to worship without government intervention, free to vote without union intimidation, and free to defend ourselves when threatened. June 5<sup>th</sup> is a fork in the road. Turn left and we'll take a U-turn back to higher taxes, deeper debt, and a stagnant economy. Stay our course with Scott Walker and we'll continue to climb out of debt with an empowered workforce and growing economy. Thanks to Walker we now have "Christmas" trees back in our Capitol, school districts free to shop for better healthcare coverage at competitive rates, and citizens carrying "concealed" to better protect and defend our homeland.***



*Recall advocates have wasted millions of "buy local" dollars encouraging us to bear left toward Illinois politics. They ask Wisconsinites to ignore Wall Street Journal's branding of Illinois as the "Grease next door," Moody's credit rating downgrade of Illinois to A2 commenting "Illinois Democrat' lawmakers took no steps to implement lasting solutions to their severe pension underfunding or chronic bill payment delays." They want us to forget that Bloomberg' accountants found Illinois employee pension liabilities 55% unfunded. And, they want us to ignore Scott Walker has lead Wisconsin to a Moody's A1 credit rating and ranking 17<sup>th</sup> in the country as the best state in which to do business while Illinois fell to the 48<sup>th</sup> worst.*

*Ronald Reagan joked, "The difference between Republicans and Democrats is when trapped in a tunnel Republicans dig toward daylight, while Democrats raise taxes to build a longer tunnel." Fortunate for Illinois, in April their Chamber of Commerce braved union protestors to invite Scott Walker to speak at their annual gathering. They wanted to learn why Moody's considered Walker' reforms "credit positive" for Wisconsin and how his "money-saving reforms brought Wisconsin closer to the structural budgetary balance and land Moody's A1 credit rating. They wanted to learn why top CEOs have ranked Wisconsin's business climate 17<sup>th</sup> best in the country up from 41<sup>st</sup> since Walker took office while Illinois dropped to 48<sup>th</sup> from 45<sup>th</sup>.*

*Fact is, Walkers opinion of unions comes from Democrat' Presidents. Like Walker, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) considered unions an effective way to mobilize workers, stabilize our economy and pull the U.S. out of the great depression. While FDR recognized the power of organized labor in the "private" sector, he worried "collective" bargaining in the "public" sector would lead to strikes that could paralyze our democracy and demands that would bankrupt our economy. He understood collective bargaining worked when negotiators saw a connection between company success and its ability to fund employee benefits. That connection is unclear in the public sector. Taxpayer funding has always been perceived to be without limits. That fundamentally explains why the U.S. Postal Service is bankrupt while UPS and Federal Express continue to grow.*

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, let's stay the course with Scott Walker and open both our minds and mines to a brighter future. Let's vote Wisconsin "Title State" U.S.A.