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Dear Editor: I am a retired private sector worker, I fear that Gov. Walker allowed his team to craft this "repair bill" after spending the fall listening to the lectures from the Heritage Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, and Cato Institute pundits.

These organizations have preached at governors and legislators that the American people are just not capable of seeing how badly served the American public has become by teachers, teachers unions, and other public employees and their unions. You must find the right time to break up these power centers and eliminate them. Accuse the unions of being socialistic as that implies they are un-American, but keep up this attack at all times and on all fronts.

What must be done, according to these neoconservative and libertarian think tanks, is crafting legislation that takes the power away from these unions. The best time to do this is when a crisis happens. So Walker and company did not have to craft his repair bill after he was elected, it was already written at these think tanks. Walker's team just had to add the proper language for each state.

This is not what Wisconsin voters expected from Walker. He told us that he was all about creating jobs, opening up the state for companies to come here by lowering some taxes and softening some regulations and cutting spending. What we find is a “repair bill” that considers thousands of Wisconsin families enemies of the state.

Gov. Walker, you said we should not be surprised by what you proposed as this legislation expresses what you told us during the bill is a political attack on the working families in every county in Wisconsin and if this is what you told us last fall then why didn't the protests begin back then? I'll tell you why: because this “repair bill” was written by others and you just read it a few weeks ago. I fear you are not who you say you are, that we cannot trust what you say, and therefore you should be recalled.

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