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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

OCSEA is experiencing serious threats as a result of Senate Bill 5 and the upcoming budget to be unveiled by Gov. John Kasich on March 15, 2011. The union is committing all available resources to protect the security of every OCSEA member and their right to bargain collectively.

As a result, OCSEA has decided it is in the best interest to cancel the following Conferences:

The Building Union Power Conference scheduled for the weekend of April 1-2; the Women's Action Committee Conference in June; and the Veterans Conference in July. We are also postponing the week-long Stewards Academy this summer and the Steward Conference in October. We know as a committed OCSEA leader you will support this decision.

We are fighting back against extraordinary assaults on our basic rights by anti-labor politicians, and we must focus our resources to support our efforts. As a result, **a member mobilization event will take place on Sat. April 2**, one of the days originally set aside for the Building Union Power Conference. The one-day event has been repurposed to focus specifically on Senate Bill 5 and the threats facing public employees.

We are inspired by the leadership efforts by the Districts, Assemblies and Chapters and are excited by the rank-and-file members who have committed to fighting for their union, their rights and their job and against unprecedented attacks on working families across the great state of Ohio.

Our cause is just and our willingness to fight for our rights and for Ohio's middle class is getting stronger each day. I am proud to be a member of this great union. Staying united in a just cause will lead us to victory.

Stay tuned for more information about future events, including the April 2 member mobilization event, to help keep members informed about and let them get involved in the coming fight. For more information on S.B. 5, visit ocsea.org/GetTheFacts.

In Solidarity,



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