



How to take part in OCSEA's Day of Action, June 23

1 Please read "Introduction and Talking Points" flier first. In this kit you will find all the tools you need to get your chapter/subordinate body/work location involved in OCSEA's Day of Action on June 23 to help stop further budget cuts. The kit includes:

- ✓ **Customizable posters** for hanging up or passing out announcing the Day of Action. Please fill in where you plan to have your event(s) and who will be the contact person.
- ✓ **Talking points sheet** to help you form your message. You can use the talking points sheet to fill out the postcard or to talk to legislators or their aids by phone.
- ✓ **"What's Happened to the State Services We Love" flier** explains how agencies have been cut in recent years.
- ✓ **Legislator and conference committee members' contact information.**
- ✓ **Phone script** for calling your legislator and conference committee members. Use this as a guide, but also tell your story.
- ✓ **Postage paid postcards** for writing your message to legislators. (For more postcards, contact Phyllis Payne at 800-969-4702).

2 Remember that one-on-one contact is the most important way to reach out to state legislators. That's why WE PREFER THAT UNION MEMBERS MAKE PERSONAL PHONE CALLS to ask their legislators not to cut them or their services. The best phone calls are ones that are factual yet personal where employees talk about what they do and what OHIOANS WOULD LOSE if that service is lost. If you are a Correction Officer, then you can talk about the overcrowding and understaffing and how dangerous that is for staff, inmates and the community. If you

work in ODJFS, you can talk about how you are doing twice the work you used to because of the increase in the numbers of unemployed and uninsured. Remember to use the enclosed talking points and also tell YOUR story.

The next best thing to a phone call is a hand-written letter or postcard. Lastly, we also have available an e-alert that you and your members can send from home or a computer in your union office at www.ocsea.org/June23.

3 There are lots of ways to get your members involved. You could ask groups to come to "cell phone parties" off grounds on their break or after work. That way you can pass around a phone or have folks hear each other so they can learn what to say. If you are sending postcards, you could find a spot away from work, perhaps where you typically have a chapter meeting, or in the union office, and have them fill out the postcards. Then just mail them. **Remember to use only off-work hours when participating in the Day of Action or asking others to do so.**

4 Don't be restricted in what you do or when you do it. Even though this is going to be a DAY of ACTION, don't tell people they can't participate if they want to do something in the days leading up to June 23. In fact, a postcard drive could be more effective if done before June 23 and postcards arrive to legislators on or around that date. Be flexible and allow folks to participate however and whenever they want up until June 23.

Tell your personal story to the legislator you contact. It could make a difference...



To download all materials for the Day of Action, to to www.ocsea.org/June23.