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Conservative State Governments

Congress notes the continued attacks on worker's rights and conditions by conservative state governments across the country.

These attacks include:

- The removal of the right to arbitration and bargaining;
- The removal of worker's ability to exercise their political rights;
- Cutting of public sector jobs;
- Slashing of conditions including penalty rates;
- Attacks on Workers' Compensation benefits;
- Privatisation of public services

The actions of these conservative governments reflect a conservative agenda that is being played out around the developed world that views such action as necessary in the name of fiscal austerity.

Congress condemns these attacks and calls on the state governments to restore rights and conditions and govern in the interests of all in the community.

Further, we call upon ACTU Officers to continue to support state campaigns that are highlighting the effect of these conservative attacks on workers and the community at large.