Walker's War on Women: Walker Repeals Equal Pay Law

04/09/12- Late last Thursday, as many were checking out for the holiday weekend, Gov. Walker quietly signed a bevy of controversial bills attacking Wisconsin women. One of which was repealing the **2009 Equal Pay Enforcement Act**.

Among many things the Equal Pay Enforcement Act gave women workers more options to seek justice for pay discrimination at work. The act served as a deterrent for employers to discriminate based on gender and allowed for workers to take their case to the less costly, more accessible state circuit court system.
Gov. Walker wants to turn back the clock on women’s rights and deny them their day in court. Equal pay is an economic security issue for millions of Wisconsin women and this act threatens the livelihood of many workers.

In the United States, women earn 77 cents for every dollar men make. According to the Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health (WAWH), in Wisconsin, women earn 75 cents for every dollar men earn. As Amanda Terkel reports for the Huffington Post, the Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health also estimates that families in the state "lose more than $4,000 per year due to unequal pay."

"Gov. Walker is shamefully signing legislation into law that threatens the economic security of Wisconsin women," said Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO. “Repealing the Equal Pay Enforcement Act is not the Wisconsin way and shows just how disconnected Gov. Walker is with the issues facing working women in today’s economy.”

Amanda Terkel's Huffington Post report, "Scott Walker Quietly Repeals Wisconsin’s Equal Pay Law" contributed to this blog post.