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WISCONSIN YOUTH ACTIVISTS TO WALK 65 MILES FROM MILWAUKEE TO MADISON, DEMANDING ACTION ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION, GUN REFORM AND AN ANTI-RACIST FUTURE

Bria Smith, Hiwot Schutz, and Alemitu Caldart Among Those Who Are Marching, Calling On Wisconsin Elected Officials to Support Black Women and Black LGBTQ+ Community

MILWAUKEE & MADISON, WI—On Tuesday, June 30, young activists will embark on “The Milwaukee to Madison March,” walking 65 miles across Wisconsin, starting at City Hall in Milwaukee and ending in Madison on Independence Day, July 4. This national, youth-led campaign is calling on Wisconsin elected officials for support that Black lives matter and gun violence must end.

From Governor Evers to State Representative Robin Vos, the group advocates for the following from Wisconsin elected officials:

- Governor Evers to condemn use of teargas and rubber bullets
- Another special session on gun violence and a special session on policing in Wisconsin
- Act on the requests of BlackLivesMatteratschools.com
- Funding for violence prevention
- The DOC to release incarcerated people due to prison overcrowding and the inability to social distance during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Wisconsin elected officials to support Black women and Black LGBTQ+ community

“Gen Z has grown up watching videos of Black people being brutalized and killed by police, and we are traumatized,” said Bria Smith, organizer of the Milwaukee to Madison March. “We are calling on all of our elected officials to support Black youth, especially young Black women and Black Queer youth in Wisconsin, by committing to being anti-racist.”

Originating in Wisconsin, the “50 Miles More” movement was inspired by young people who marched 50 miles to U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan’s hometown in March, motivated by the response to student organizers from Parkland, Florida. Organizers plan to expand the movement across the country. Massachusetts was the first state after Wisconsin to take part.

A 12 p.m. press conference at Milwaukee’s City Hall will kick off the march.

For more information, visit <https://50milesmore.org/>.

[About 50 Miles More](#)

50 Miles More utilizes direct action to organize and mobilize around a plethora of issues affecting our future and to demand transformation of the current systems in society today. We work to uplift, support, and assist those seeking liberation for people and the planet through progressive platforms. 50 Miles More is led by young people and works to center those who come from the most marginalized experiences. We commit ourselves to being an intersectional and inclusive organization and we honor the diversity of experiences and perspectives that will strengthen our cause. We are devoted to growing together while learning and unlearning, and dismantling systemic oppression within our communities, each other, and our individual selves. 50 Miles More is a project of [March On](#).

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