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Latest Report Shows Wisconsin Economy Improving

MADISON - The co-chairs of the state's budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following statement regarding the revenue numbers released by the Department of Revenue (DOR):

"Wisconsin's economic improvement is getting national attention. Forbes recently rated Wisconsin 18th in the nation for projected future growth and 32nd for business, the highest rating since 2006.

On Thursday, the DOR issued a report that showed Wisconsin's 2013 per capita personal income grew at a higher rate than the national average. That's great news for the economy.

While Democrats will claim the sky is falling. These numbers are an exercise based on agencies wish lists which will not find their way into the Governor's budget. For example, Tony Evers \$700 million dollar increase despite the fact that our most expensive districts are among our lowest performers.

We are proud to see our reforms continue to drive unemployment rates down - our [rate dropped](#) to 5.4% in October. Employers created 4,000 private sector jobs which brings this year's total to 31,000 including 12,000 manufacturing jobs.

We look forward to Governor Walker's budget proposal early next year. As co-chairs we will continue to budget responsibly and manage your tax dollars wisely."

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