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Hintz Statement on September Jobs Report

Walker, Republicans Continue Empty Agenda as Wisconsin loses another 12,400 jobs

MADISON – State Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement today on the jobs report that shows that Wisconsin lost another 12,400 jobs in September:

“As more families in Wisconsin struggle with a recession reaching crisis level, we hear sound bites and slogans, but have an agenda that reflects little of the urgency needed,” said Hintz. “Instead of focusing like a laser on the needs of the economy and helping individuals get back on their feet, we have thin agendas with backwards policy proposals.”

The State Assembly agenda this week included a bill prohibiting Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologists from re-implementing the currently suspended “Earn a Buck” program. This program required hunters in parts of the state where the deer population is especially high or where there is Chronic Wasting Disease to shoot an antlerless deer before they can kill a buck.

The Assembly also moved to water down efforts to curb pollution in Wisconsin’s lakes by changing rules regarding how fertilizer containers are displayed in retail stores, facilitated moving components related to wind energy jobs out of the state, and increased the penalties for causing an injury or death when driving with a revoked drivers’ license.

The Governor also announced massive and disproportionate cuts to the UW system including more than **\$3 million** to UW-Oshkosh’s budget at the same time he stressed the need for a more skilled workforce.

“It certainly hasn’t been a very special session. As the troubling economic news continues, the Legislature spent the week undermining science, pollution control, and common sense criminal sentencing while the Governor dismantles our universities.

“The Governor and the Republican-controlled Legislature continue to blame the national economy when the national economy has been adding a modest number of jobs. Every month since Walker’s budget was signed, we have lost jobs. “

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