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**REP. SEIDEL STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR WALKER'S
STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

MADISON – Assistant Democratic Leader Donna Seidel (D – Wausau) offered these comments following Governor Walker's State of the State Address on Wednesday evening.

“Our current ‘state of the state’ should be a reality check for the Governor and Legislative Republicans.

Wisconsin has held a proud tradition of providing quality education in our public schools, but now school districts all over the state are struggling to maintain those high standards because of the devastating cuts made by Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans. Making the second largest cuts to public education in the country and the third largest to higher education is nothing to be proud of.

For years, Wisconsin has been at the forefront of health care reform, serving as a model for the rest of the nation. Now Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans are trying to kick tens of thousands of working families off of the health care they depend on. This is not the way Wisconsin should be a leader.

Wisconsin's workforce is second to none. But instead of investing in worker training, Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans have given away \$2.3 billion in tax breaks to large corporations, wealthy individuals and special interests over the next ten years. Since the Governor signed the budget, his economic plan for the state, Wisconsin is the only state in the country to have lost jobs for six consecutive months. During that same time, the country as a whole has added over 800,000 jobs. Working families can't afford more of these failed policies.

Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans need to acknowledge that their ‘tools’ aren't working and that we need to take a new approach to get Wisconsin back on track.

The people of Wisconsin deserve real action, not empty promises.”

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