

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 12, 2015

Secretary Neitzel
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Secretary Neitzel,

There was significant discussion regarding Governor Walker's security detail and reimbursement for costs associated with that security detail when the Governor travels on campaign trips during last week's Joint Committee on Finance briefing. Governor Walker is the Governor 24 hours a day seven days a week; however in his pursuit of higher office certain costs are not allowable expenditures of public funds. Governor Walker has established his own "527" committee to pursue fundraising and expenses associated with campaigning for President so this is an important line of clarity for the people of Wisconsin.

Secretary Huebsch specifically discussed how there is effort put in every day to separate costs for the state of Wisconsin and costs for Governor Walker's campaign. Are these types of separations being applied to security costs as well?

We have no doubt that the expenses of travel and security for that travel are extensive to Governor Walker and his staff in the past year and hope that those expenses are clearly detailed in a way that can be easily understood by the public. Faith in the transparency and accountability of all taxpayer expenses is what the public deserves in every aspect of our state government.

It would seem logical that campaign expenses are handled as campaign expenses. If it is not currently the policy of the Department of Transportation to bill back Governor Walker's "527" for security expenses that are campaign related will that be the policy moving forward?

Thank you in advance for your prompt reply to these questions of significance for the people of Wisconsin relating to their Governor's campaign expenses and a clear delineation of those expenses as not being paid for by taxpayers.

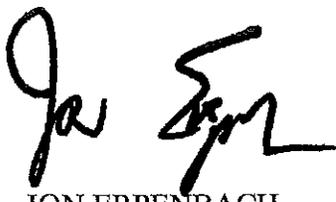
Sincerely,

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LENA TAYLOR
State Senator
4th District

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CHRIS TAYLOR
State Representative
76th District



JON ERPENBACH
State Senator
27th District



GORDON HINTZ
State Representative
54th District

cc Governor Scott Walker, Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Senator Alberta Darling, Representative John Nygren