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### **WEDC Dog Wagged by WMC Tail – Hot Dogs Leave**

Madison – “Last June, officials at Governor Walker’s signature job creation agency, WEDC, learned that Oscar Mayer was being wooed by other states. Rather than immediately following up with Kraft officials, WEDC consulted with Wisconsin Manufactures and Commerce to plan the best course of action – to do nothing. Apparently this is what happens when big campaign donors are allowed to run state agencies.

“I don’t know what’s more absurd, that WMC is running WEDC or that that they knowingly abandoned Oscar Mayer’s thousands of families. WMC continues to do a disservice to Wisconsin. They cannot claim to be a voice and advocate on the behalf of all Wisconsin businesses while facilitating a major business to leave by advising no contact by WEDC.

“How does Governor Walker not have more control over his agency than this? How long do Wisconsin taxpayers suffer while his WEDC hemorrhages loans with zero oversight? How many more employers does Wisconsin need to lose? How many jobs need to be lost? WEDC is a failed experiment, plain and simple.

“This entire ordeal has shown incredible incompetence by the Walker administration. Wisconsin companies and workers deserve better. Governor Walker says that Wisconsin is open for business. He keeps using that phrase. Governor, I do not think it means what you think it means.”

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