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The Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker,

We are writing to you today to let you know that you have our gratitude, our support, and our encouragement to keep pressing forward in your effort to balance your state's budget without raising taxes, while reducing spending and reforming Wisconsin state government.

Wisconsin government, like the federal government, has become too big, too expensive, too in debt, and it is not going to embrace change easily.

However, we believe the results of the 2010 elections provided you with a mandate to implement change, so that Wisconsinites can have more jobs, more freedom, and more opportunity to pursue happiness now and for generations to come.

During your campaign you said that "We can no longer live in a society where the public employees are the haves and taxpayers who foot the bills are the have-nots."

We agree. When politicians bestow unsustainable benefits and pension plans on government employee unions (often overwhelmingly subsidized by taxpayers), and in exchange these unions use their financial power – often collected through mandatory dues – to systematically reelect these same politicians, there is a clear conflict of interest. This vicious cycle has led to a projected \$3 trillion pension deficit nationwide¹, with taxpayers expected to foot the bill.

We applaud the serious approach you have taken to tackle the challenges facing your state. We call on Wisconsin's Senate Democrats to match your seriousness by returning to the jobs that Wisconsin voters elected them to do. It is time that Wisconsin Senate Democrats stop shirking their responsibilities and show up for work.

¹ Biggs, Andrew. "An Options Pricing Method for Calculating the Market Price of Public Sector Pension Liabilities." American Enterprise Institute: February 26, 2011.

<<http://www.aei.org/paper/100088>>



As the country watches the events unfold in Madison, we hope that citizens everywhere understand what is at stake.

Your effort to balance your budget and reign in government spending is a test of whether we will continue to have, as our Founders established, a government of, by, and for the people.

As you press forward, please know that you have our steadfast support.

Sincerely,

Michael Hintze; Wisconsin Tea Party Patriots

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