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With people losing benefits, health care costs going up, and wages stagnant, Wisconsin is not seeing the turbocharged economy that Trump promised.

MADISON, WI - While the national conversation moves back to impeachment with the House Judiciary Committee holding its first hearing on the matter, here in Wisconsin, reports of [two separate incidents](#) of gunfire on school grounds dominated the headlines this week. Both shootings serve as a bleak reminder that gun violence can (and does) happen here, too, and that our elected officials must [do more](#) to prevent senseless tragedies.

Here at Priorities USA we remain focused on amplifying the stories of [real people](#) who are feeling the consequences of Trump's policies in their communities -- people like the nearly 60 factory workers who are getting [laid off](#) at a Rock County manufacturing plant in Clinton, Wisconsin. Or the nearly [40,000 Wisconsinites](#) who could lose benefits under one of the Trump administration's proposals to limit benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Additionally, health care costs are continuing to go up under Trump, making it harder for

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Wisconsin families to get ahead. According to [Axios](#), "U.S. health care spending climbed again not because people went to the doctor or hospital more frequently, but because the industry charged higher prices." Unfortunately, Wisconsinites know this all too well. In fact, Wisconsin [ranked among the worst states](#) in the nation – 47th – for health care costs, including copays, premiums, and out-of-pocket medical spending.

Simply put, many in Wisconsin are not seeing the turbocharged economy that Trump promised. Despite strong jobs report numbers this month, context matters, and job growth is down compared to what it was under Obama, and manufacturing continues to decline, especially [here in Wisconsin](#).

And wage growth -- an important part of workers' well-being -- is actually [backsliding](#) this year, despite low unemployment. So as we dig deeper in understanding the numbers from today's jobs report, we need to consider who's still left out, why, and why even those workers with jobs are still experiencing stagnant wage growth.

If you're interested in speaking to anyone who may be having a hard time because of Trump's trade war, or due to stagnant wages, please don't hesitate to reach out.