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After years of failure, Scott Walker and WEDC have come up with a solution - hide.

MADISON - Yesterday, it was reported that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is considering imposing a gag order on its board members that would deter them from releasing documents or talking to the press by threatening disciplinary consequences if they do.

Within hours of the report being released, WEDC Secretary and CEO Mark Morgan pulled the proposal from the agenda the board was set to discuss after backlash from Democrats and Republicans, both citing the lack of transparency that would result from the proposal.

Nine of the thirteen board members were hand-picked by Scott Walker to do his bidding, and after years of controversies, scandals, and failure to deliver jobs to Wisconsin, Walker and his WEDC cronies are trying to hide their misguided actions and agenda from the public. This just adds to the long list of Scott Walker's attempts to sweep the failures of his administration under the rug.

Despite the objections we see from Walker and his colleagues as they continue to try and hide their actions and treat WEDC like their own personal piggy bank, Wisconsinites deserve to know the actions and intent of publicly funded agencies like WEDC.



"WEDC is a taxpayer-funded organization, and Wisconsinites have a right to know how their money is spent, that's why Democrats have called for more oversight of WEDC - not less." Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Martha Laning said on Wednesday. "Multiple audits have shown that Gov. Walker's flagship job-creation agency is riddled with incompetence and mismanagement."

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News reports have brought to light how WEDC has funneled taxpayer dollars to donors who fill their campaign coffers and corporations that ship jobs overseas. After years of controversy coupled with poor jobs numbers, it isn't surprising that the Governor would want to sweep his failures under the rug.

"Wisconsinites deserve to know the truth and anything short of that is wrong for the taxpayers and wrong for Wisconsin," concludes Laning.