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Walker asks taxpayers to spend \$7 million papering over his neglect of Wisconsin's economy during his re-election bid.

MADISON -- Tuesday's release of the quarterly jobs report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that under Gov. Scott Walker, Wisconsin has been among the bottom half of states on job creation for six straight years.

The job numbers Walker has cited as the "gold standard" show that Wisconsin has lagged behind the nation on jobs ever since Walker implemented his first budget and opened the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

"Six years of Republican budgets and priorities have stalled our Wisconsin economy," said **Martha Laning**, Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. "Continually being below average on job numbers is a clear result of pursuing partisan priorities that are out-of-step with Wisconsin values."

A [report](#) by the Center for American Progress recently found that Wisconsin faces a job deficit of more than 100,000 jobs. If Wisconsin simply kept pace with the national rate of job growth, taxpayers would not be forced to spend \$3 billion to lure a foreign company here.

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