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## **UW, Jobs Experts: Jobs Losses due to Budget Cuts, \$ Giveaways –**

*State cuts to employee compensation, budget cuts, giving \$1.3 billion in federal money to other states contributed to the jobs losses*

Madison, WI-- [Wisconsin lost 14,600 jobs in November](#) and almost 35,000 since July, some of the state's leading jobs experts point out that extreme budget cuts and giving away \$1.3 billion to other states make job loss worse at a Capitol briefing today.

“Wisconsin has the worst job creation record in the nation and much worse than neighboring states,” said Dr. Steven Deller, UW Professor of Applied Economics. “Economic modeling shows that the extreme cuts to state and local programs cost thousands of jobs and put Wisconsin in a weak position to create jobs.”

State policies, including extreme budget cuts, reducing public employee take home pay, cutting funding for job training, schools, police and fire services, and giving federal funds to other states have cost Wisconsin tens of thousands of jobs.

“You can't blame the national economy,” said Dr. Jack Norman, Research Director with the Institute for Wisconsin's Future (IWF). “If Wisconsin had simply matched the national rate of job creation since April, nearly 34,000 more families would have a breadwinner with a full-time job rather than losing 34,000 jobs.”

The IWF's new report [The Price of Extremism: Wisconsin's economy under the Walker administration](#) shows Wisconsin's stalled economy is no accident of fate. Wisconsin lags behind Illinois and the national economy because of the Governor's “cuts only” approach drastically reduced consumer spending that makes up 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of our economy.

“During this holiday season, hundreds of thousand of Wisconsin families have \$280 a month less to spend on food and presents thanks to Governor Walker,” said State Representative Brett Hulseby, (D-Madison). “It's completely unfair that a worker making \$25,000 a year takes an 11% pay cut, almost twice the effective pay cut of an employee making \$125,000, according to the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau memo dated 9/12/2011.”

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