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Rep. Bowen: Not All Win in Gov. Walker's Wisconsin

MADISON – State Representative David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement in response to Governor Scott Walker's 2017 State of the State Address:

“Throughout today's address, Governor Walker repeated the phrase: ‘We are working and winning for Wisconsin.’ The reality is that not everyone has access to the wins that Walker mentioned. He claimed victories over unemployment throughout the state but Wisconsinites have suffered for five years with below-average job growth and growing poverty. We have the most diminished middle class in the country, rank 8th in job creation out of the 10 Midwest states, and we rank dead last in the nation for start-up activity. Under Scott Walker's Wisconsin, not everyone wins.

“While Walker affirmed that he prioritizes education and even declared his love for public schools, the cuts made under his administration tell a different story. Technical schools lost \$203 million in state aid, while the UW System suffered a cut of a quarter of a billion dollars in the last session alone, and our k-12 schools lost \$1 billion in state aid. When you take away 10 and add one, that is not an honest win.

“I'm looking to work to bring wins to all Wisconsinites throughout the state and would love to be able to work with the Governor to rise above politics and ensure that happens. This would require real cooperation, something that the Governor has not prioritized.”

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