

Gov. Walker: Excerpts from Prepared Remarks for Republican Party of Wisconsin State Convention

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[Madison, Wis.] – Below are excerpts from Gov. Walker’s remarks as prepared for the Republican Party of Wisconsin’s State Convention in Wisconsin Dells. The governor will speak Saturday morning.

... I’m ready.

I’m ready to help lead this remarkable state forward for another four years. But I need your help.

We won in 2010 with the help of a grassroots army of volunteers. We won with an even bigger force during the recall election in 2012. And we won with another grassroots flurry in 2014.

These efforts not only helped me and our outstanding Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, they helped create, then grow Republican majorities in the state Assembly and the state Senate. They helped re-elect our great U.S. Senator Ron Johnson. And they brought us victory in Wisconsin during the Presidential election for the first time since 1984 with the election of Donald Trump and Mike Pence.

Now, I need your help again in 2018. ...

People often ask me if I am going to run again in 2018.

Well, with record employment in the State of Wisconsin, the better question is, “Why wouldn’t I run for re-election?”

That's right, there are more people employed in our state than at any time in history. There are more than 100,000 job openings listed on our state website JobCenterOfWisconsin.com. And the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since April of 2000. That's back when Matt and Alex were just five and six years old.

Plus, the percentage of people working in Wisconsin is one of the best in the country. That's right: Wisconsin ranks in the Top 10 for the percentage of people in the workforce.

In fact, we rank in the Top 10 in a whole bunch of areas.

Our students rank in the Top 10 for ACT scores. Wisconsin ranks in the Top 10 for high school graduation rates. And we rank in the Top 10 for Fab Labs in our schools.

Wisconsin ranks in the Top 10 for the reduction in the overall tax burden. At one point, we outranked 43 other states in reducing taxes. In our budget, we cut income and property taxes again and the cumulative tax relief will exceed \$8 billion over eight years. ...