

Rep. Shankland: Democratic weekly radio address: 'Democrats want solutions, not inaction'

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MADISON – Today, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) offered the Democratic Weekly Radio Address on the ongoing budget fight between Republican leaders:

“While Democrats call for solutions, Republican lawmakers haven’t even called a budget committee meeting for a month leaving our kids shortchanged once again,” Rep. Shankland said. “A budget is about priorities, and right now, it sure seems like Wisconsin Republicans have the same priorities as D.C. Republicans—chaos and inaction. It’s past time to roll up our sleeves and pass a budget together.”

The audio file of this week’s address can be found [here](#), and the video can be found [here](#).

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hi, I’m Representative Katrina Shankland with this week’s Democratic Radio Address.

“It’s 20 days past the budget deadline, and we’re nowhere closer to having a budget passed. Why? Republican leaders are too busy arguing behind closed doors. Now, if most people missed a critical deadline by weeks at their job, they’d be fired. Yet Governor Walker and Republican legislators continue to enjoy government paychecks and benefits while failing to deliver a budget that will actually help Wisconsin families.

“It’s time to bring Democrats to the table so we can invest in our families, schools and roads. Democrats have a plan to restore the harmful cuts Republicans have made to public education. Our education plan would lower property taxes, fully restore funding to our public schools and make new investments in special education programs and our rural districts. Our kids deserve this investment in their future and nothing less.

“While Democrats call for solutions, Republican lawmakers haven’t even called a budget committee meeting for a month leaving our kids shortchanged once again. In fact, some Republican legislators are actually at an ALEC conference right now taking orders from out-of-state special interests. That’s no way to govern.

“After all, a budget is about priorities, and right now, it sure seems like Wisconsin Republicans have the same priorities as D.C. Republicans—chaos and inaction. It’s past time to roll up our sleeves and pass a budget together.”