

# Sen. Shilling: Statement on Labor Day

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LA CROSSE, WI – Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) released the following statement in advance of Labor Day (Monday Sept. 4):

“Labor Day in Wisconsin has become a somber reminder of the Republican policies that have favored wealthy corporations at the expense of hardworking men and women in our state. For too long, Gov. Walker and legislative Republicans have undercut our workforce, rigged the rules against employees and targeted massive giveaways to the richest one percent. As a result, we’ve trailed the nation in job creation for 22 consecutive quarters, family wages are stagnant and workers are being laid off at an alarming rate. While Gov. Walker continues to side with billionaire investors and rely on CEO Magazine rankings, hardworking middle class families are being left behind.

“It’s time to reinvest in our state’s best asset – its people. Too many working families are drowning in student loan debt, child care costs and health care payments. Too many employees lack basic sick leave protections. Increased automation and retirement insecurity are threatening thousands of frontline workers in Wisconsin. Democrats are committed to strengthening our middle class through commonsense investments in workforce development, innovative new workplace flexibilities and the restoration of worker rights. This Labor Day, we need to look to the future and prioritize the needs of working families over the profits of special interests.”