

DGA: Rebecca Kleefisch ignored Wisconsin's broken unemployment system for years

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Scott Walker-Appointed Workforce Development Secretary: "When [Kleefisch] had the opportunity to do something about the system, she chose to play politics and do nothing"

A [Wisconsin State Journal op-ed](#) shows Rebecca Kleefisch knew of major issues with Wisconsin's unemployment system for years, but she and Scott Walker refused to address them, according to Manny Perez, a Walker-appointed former secretary of the Department of Workforce Development.

When Kleefisch hypocritically slammed [Gov. Tony Evers](#) for the outdated system during her campaign launch, she conveniently failed to mention that the **"urgent problem"** was flagged to her and then-Gov. Walker just three weeks into their administration in 2011.

"They knew this was a crisis waiting to happen and did nothing," wrote Perez.

When Perez presented a federally-funded solution to revamp the unemployment system, Walker and Kleefisch refused to accept help from Democratic President Barack Obama.

"They did not care that a failed system would hurt businesses, workers and families," Perez said. **"They only cared about how it would look politically."**

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Wisconsin State Journal: [Manny Perez: Rebecca Kleefisch knew unemployment system needed fixing but ignored problem](#)