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Darling Delivers Weekly Radio Address Children's Mental Health

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Hi. I'm State Senator Alberta Darling.

Here's some news you probably didn't read in the papers

Wisconsin is on a record-breaking streak. For seven straight months, our unemployment rate stayed below three percent or less. That's never happened before. Ever.

In fact just eight years ago, businesses were fleeing our state. Homeowners saw doubledigit tax hikes and the state faced a looming budget deficit.

But Thanks to Governor Walker and Republicans, we've turned that all around. Our budget has a surplus. We've cut taxes by more than 8 billion dollars. And now there are thousands and thousands of good-paying, family supporting careers available. 2017 was the best year for manufacturing in Wisconsin in more than two decades.

And this year, we rank first nationally in manufacturing jobs added in the last three months. Wisconsin also had the 17th fastest real median income growth rate in the nation. Our rate is one of the fastest in the Midwest, beating Minnesota by three spots. And our poverty rate is the 4th lowest in America.

The bottom line is: Income is up. Poverty is down.

Wisconsin is winning. We can't afford to go back.

On, Wisconsin!

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.