

Employing a Balanced Approach to Balancing the State Budget

Wisconsin needs a fiscally responsible and balanced solution to the budget crisis, which ensures that vital public services are adequately funded. Closing the new \$1.6 billion hole in the Wisconsin budget solely by making deeper cuts would have a devastating effect on state and local services that are more important now than ever. An all-cuts solution to the additional \$1.6 billion revenue shortfall would hurt school children, newly unemployed workers and their families, older adults, people with disabilities, and low income families and children. Deep cuts would also weaken the public structures that will be vital to economic recovery.

With so many people in need, this is the worst possible time to cut services. Now more than ever, we must maintain the safety net and stay true to our Wisconsin values. Many prominent economists have noted that making cuts during a recession hurts the economy even more than carefully targeted tax increases. We call on elected officials to close the budget deficit by using a balanced approach that includes revenue increases as well as cuts.

Supporting organizations:

AARP Wisconsin	Options for Independent Living
Access to Independence	Parents Plus, Inc.
AFT Wisconsin	People Can't Wait - Milwaukee
Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin
ARC of Greater Milwaukee	Quality Education Coalition
Association of Wisconsin School Administrators	Rehabilitation for Wisconsin
Chippewa River Industries, Inc.	Residential Services Association of Wisconsin
Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups	South Madison Health & Family Center - Harambee
Community Advocates	Supporting Families Together Association
Community Alliance of Providers of Wisconsin	Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations
Disability Rights Wisconsin	Transitional Living Services
Goodwill Industries NCW	United Cerebral Palsy of SE Wisconsin
iCare – Independent Care Health Plan	Ventures Unlimited
IMPACT	Vital Voices for Mental Health
IndependenceFirst	Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools
Independent Living Resources	Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans
Institute for Wisconsin's Future	Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health
Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee	Wisconsin Alliance of Cities
Justice 2000	Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies
League of Women Voters of Wis. Education Fund	Wisconsin Association of School Boards
Madison-area Urban Ministry	Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials
Make It Work Milwaukee! Coalition	Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators
Mental Health America of Wisconsin	Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
Midwest Community Services	Wisconsin Catholic Conference
Milwaukee Area Devel. Disabilities Services Assn.	Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Milwaukee Christian Center	Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers
Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations	Wisconsin Community Action Program Association
Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force	Wisconsin Council for Administrators of Special Services
NAMI - Wisconsin	Wisconsin Council of Churches
NAMI - Greater Milwaukee	Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
North Country Independent Living Center	Wisconsin Counties Association
Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin	Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association
	Wisconsin Personal Services Association