

It's time for Taxpayers to "Stand with Scott Walker"

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We're all in this together, so it's time taxpayers take a stand against those attempting to recall Scott Walker. According to the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Scott Walker and Act 10 in Door County alone has saved the Gibraltar School District \$269,900, Sevastopol \$199,800, Southern Door \$406,200, and Sturgeon Bay \$1,172,000 while no teachers have lost their jobs and those electing to retire early did so with what most in the private sector consider a "golden parachute."

No one can deny we taxpayers have emptied our wallets to support our schools. In 2011, I wrote Wisconsin property tax checks totaling \$22,088.30, which included \$7,574.68 in school taxes plus another \$2,774.25 for vocational schools. That means roughly 1/2 of our property taxes go to support our schools. Remember, Wisconsin school tax levies increased on average \$162 million each of the past five years.

Now the "Recall Walker" Democrats are asking taxpayers to pick up another unfunded \$750,000 bill from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board and in Door County alone an estimated unbudgeted \$20,000 to fund the recall at the county level plus the bills that will be submitted by our 14 towns, 4 villages, and the City of Sturgeon Bay. And then taxpayers will have to pick up an estimated \$17,500 unfunded bill at the county level for the primary and another \$17,500 unfunded bill for the recall election plus the bills submitted each time by our 19 municipalities. **In case you've lost count, the Democrat driven recall alone will cost Door County taxpayers an estimated \$55,000 plus the aggravations of another campaign.** *Just think of the jobs we could create if we'd use all this wasted tax revenue to "buy local."* FYI: *it's estimated the recall at the State level will cost over \$9 million not to mention campaign expenses for both parties.*

We taxpayers are also tired of the far left complaining that "Walker's in the pocket of the Koch brothers." FYI: The Koch brothers own the largest, most successful job creating, privately owned, companies in the country and have given 88% of their political contributions nationwide to Republicans, 10% to Democrats and 2% to Independents. Why? Because they know Scott Walker and the Republicans are on track to get our economic house in order while attracting new employers to Wisconsin. Note the move of companies from other states to Wisconsin.

Taxpayers are also tired of attorneys who are calling for Walker's recall because they disapprove of his efforts to curb frivolous law suits and cap excessive settlements that are driving healthcare and medical liability premiums through the roof and doctors out of business. Remember, the laws recently

signed by Walker curbing third party and product liability settlements where passed by both parties in both houses.

Now voters are confronted by what even the liberal press has dubbed "One of the most questionable recall strategies in the history of our State." Petitioners brag of signing multiple petitions, copying names from phone books and headstones, and signing Donald and Daffy Duck along with Hitler to recall petitions, knowing the GAB admits they'll not vet signatures in any meaningful way. While it's our right to recall, it's not our right to void votes half way through an election cycle. That's akin to shooting a horse half way through a race he's about to win.

You need only visit www.reforms.wi.gov or www.itsworkingwisconsin.com to appreciate the benefits taxpayers have already experienced having Scott Walker in office. As one of my more liberal Democrat friends said, "Recalling Scott Walker is like shooting ourselves in the foot." If you're not convinced, go to www.RichWoldt.com for a growing list of benefits, taxpayers are experiencing State wide.

We're all in this together. Before you discount my opinions, please know I voted for Kennedy and L.B.J., marched in protests with Russ Feingold, was an O.P.I.E.U. #39 (Organization of Professional International Employees Union) member for most of my career, own three Wisconsin businesses, have organized financial cooperatives/credit unions across the U.S., was a Wisconsin Retired Educators Association (WREA) member, and have taught business development courses for over 40 years. I'm convinced that those who support the recall of Scott Walker are at best misguided and at worse totally ignoring our dairy State is broke and taxpayers have been milked dry.



Go to our [Republican Party of Door County](http://www.door.wisgop) website www.door.wisgop. We have yard Signs and bumper stickers. I recommend you use a hammer and a 10" spike to make holes in the frozen ground and clear "sealing" tape for those who might want to mount bumper stickers on the inside surface of vehicle windows.