

## **THE DEMOCRATIC DIFFERENCE: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY**

Democrats across Wisconsin are on your side in support of our most cherished values: Freedom, Family, and Fairness. And Democrats are fighting to make life more affordable for our middle class families, so they can pay for their health care, have a good-paying job, and send their kids to college. Despite continued opposition from Republican legislators, Wisconsin's Democrats are fighting successfully to protect our rights, our opportunities, and our way of life.

### **When it comes to Jobs and the Economy, who is on your side?**

#### **THE REPUBLICAN RECORD**

Republican legislators at the federal and state levels have mismanaged the budget and squandered opportunities for today and tomorrow. Congressional Republicans have taken the largest surplus in American history and recklessly turned it into the largest deficit in our nation's history. Republicans also left Wisconsin sitting in a \$3.2 billion budget deficit hole at the state level – leaving Governor Doyle and Democrats to clean up the mess.

- Wisconsin Republicans in Congress supported four consecutive budgets that eliminated the surplus, exploded the deficit, and increased spending by 33 percent, nearly three quarters of a trillion dollars.
- Wisconsin Congressional Republicans passed a harmful GOP budget this year that cuts nearly \$40 billion from critical health, education, and other services for American families in order to pay for \$55 billion in tax breaks for the wealthy. The Republican budget actually *increases* overall spending, adding to the national deficit.
- Wisconsin Congressional Republicans voted for tax breaks for the rich that will provide less than \$100 to 87 percent of Wisconsin taxpayers in 2006, while the wealthiest one percent earning over \$750,000 a year will receive \$35,871.
- Wisconsin State Legislators have tried to cut funds for high-skilled job training, schools, and police and fire protection.

#### **THE DEMOCRATIC DIFFERENCE**

Wisconsin Democrats have a clear record of fiscal responsibility and making the right budget choices to create good-paying jobs and fund our most important priorities.

- After inheriting the largest deficit in Wisconsin history due to 16 years of Republican control of the Governor's Office, Governor Doyle balanced two consecutive budgets, closing a \$3.2 billion budget deficit without raising taxes and while protecting our most important priorities.
- Governor Doyle successfully created jobs in Wisconsin during a time when every other upper Midwest state was losing jobs.
- Governor Doyle and Democrats in Congress and in the State Legislature have made protecting our workers and providing fair wages and affordable health care benefits top priorities.
- Wisconsin Democrats are fighting to prevent companies from outsourcing American jobs, and are fighting to close the loopholes on companies evading taxes through offshore accounts.

### **WHEN IT COMES TO JOBS AND THE ECONOMY, WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS ARE ON YOUR SIDE**