## Coming to Wisconsin? Dog the Bounty Hunter?

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As you are aware late night backroom deals are alive and well in the Wisconsin State Capitol.

With the state budget now on its way to the Assembly and Senate for approval, it is safe to say that at least Dog the Bounty Hunter will be celebrating this recent development, while the middle class and the economy will continue to suffer.

While you were sleeping last night, the Republican controlled Joint Finance Committee approved extreme motions, one of which included permitting a private bail bond system to be implemented in Milwaukee and four other counties.

Commercial bail bonds have been banned in Wisconsin since 1979 and faced near universal opposition from judges, lawyers and law enforcement. This opposition continues today on the basis that bail bonds are ineffective and a threat to public safety.

<u>Please help us fight against this measure with your contribution of \$100, \$50, \$25 or \$10</u>. Republicans should not be allowed to let special interests trump the safety of Wisconsin's citizens.

Other major motions approved exclusively by Republicans on the JFC and further undermine the middle class were:

- Income tax cuts of \$651 million that will primarily benefit the wealthy or top earning 1% of taxpayers—not the middle class
- An expansion of taxpayer funded, unaccountable private school vouchers across the state, which DPI estimated could cost nearly \$2 billion annually
  - Public school students will see an increase of only \$300 per student over the next two

years after suffering historic cuts of \$1.6 billion in the last budget. This cut created the surplus that is now being used to bailout private school vouchers and fund tax cuts for the wealthy

You can help us stop these radical attacks on Wisconsin's middle class by contributing \$100, \$50, \$25 or \$10. Your contribution will help ensure that we have the resources to stand up to Republicans.

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