

## Republicans Playing Politics with Workers' Pocketbooks

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***Vos and Kapenga holding up state employee pay increases already approved in the budget.***

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MADISON – Earlier this year, Governor Evers signed the 2023-25 state budget into law which included the 2023-25 Compensation Plan and general wage adjustments for state employees, from correctional and parole officers to teachers and medical professionals. The Compensation Plan includes a 4% general wage increase for state employees beginning July 2. However, in the absence of approval by the Republican-controlled Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER), state employees are not currently receiving increased wages.

Senator Agard (D-Madison) and Representative Neubauer (D-Racine) sent a [letter](#) to Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate President Chris Kapenga on September 28, requesting that JCOER take up the Compensation Plan enacted in the 2023-25 biennial budget for all state employees. Neither President Kapenga nor Speaker Vos responded to the request. Senator Agard and Representative Neubauer released the following statement:

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