MADISON - The second day of the Republican Party of Wisconsin's state convention made it crystal clear that our state needs new leadership. The entire speaking program featured the same failed ideas that snatch away opportunities from Wisconsinites and prevent them from pursuing the American Dream.

Republican leaders lauded President Trump's health care bill which will mean real harm for Americans across our nation while doling out massive tax giveaways for the rich. Average Wisconsinites will feel the impact of Trumpcare in the doctor’s office and in their checkbook, but Republican leaders didn't seem to care about the plight of the average Wisconsinite at their annual convention in Wisconsin Dells.

Time and again, Republicans like Governor Scott Walker and Speaker Paul Ryan touted cherry-picked economic statistics to paint a rosy picture of the state's economy, but the real story is that Wisconsinites are hurting. At no point in the last thirty years have more residents in our state lived in poverty. After six years of being sold the idea that tax giveaways for those at the top will turn our state's economy around, families are working harder than ever before but still can't seem to get ahead. The state is 32nd in the nation in private sector job growth, dead last in entrepreneurial activity, and our roads are the fourth worst in the nation - a detriment for retaining or creating new jobs and businesses.

"Democrats know that Wisconsin families deserve a chance to pursue the American Dream, but all we hear from state Republicans are ideas that unfairly rip that opportunity away. The same failed policies only stand to help a select few, but Wisconsinites need an economy that works for them all - not just those at the very top," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Martha Laning said on Saturday. "Today's convention was the clearest evidence yet that Wisconsin needs Democratic leadership in order to create economic opportunity for every household in our state."