

Radio Address: "Democrats Stand Ready to Listen on Budget"

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MADISON – Today Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) offered the Democratic Weekly Radio Address. The topic this week is the announcement of nine additional budget hearings scheduled by Democratic legislative leaders and Joint Finance Committee members to ensure as many as people as possible can give their input on Governor Walker's harmful budget.

"It is important that we listen to the people who will be negatively impacted and everyone who cares deeply about the direction this budget will take Wisconsin," Rep. Hintz said. "My fellow Democrats and I look forward to traveling the state and hearing your input. We are ready to bring your concerns to Madison and make sure the Republicans know that you want a budget that invests in your priorities and puts Wisconsin first."

The audio file of this week's address can be found [here](#) and a video version can be found [here](#) and below.

A written transcript of the address is below:

"Governor Walker's budget will impact nearly every person in Wisconsin. Yet Republicans have scheduled just four official hearings to hear public testimony on this extremely damaging budget.

"In order to give as many Wisconsinites as possible the opportunity to weigh in, Democrats are holding nine additional budget listening sessions – from Oshkosh and Eau Claire to Wisconsin Rapids and Dodgeville. And the Democratic hearings will be held primarily on evenings and weekends to ensure even more working people can attend.

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"The Republican budget would cut \$300 million from our universities, all but eliminate the Stewardship program, cut funding for local neighborhood schools while allowing unlimited taxpayer money to private schools and end the SeniorCare program as we currently know it. It is important that we listen to the people who will be negatively impacted and everyone who cares deeply about the direction this budget will take Wisconsin."

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