

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2014

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
115 E. Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

As Wisconsin's elected federal Representatives, we write today to express our deep concerns over your proposal to require recipients of FoodShare and Unemployment Insurance to submit to mandatory drug testing in light of the state's worsening finances. On September 7th, it was announced that the budget shortfall for this year would balloon to \$396 million, and next year's projected shortfall of \$1.9 billion would be a post-recession high.

Since these are federal dollars you've been entrusted to distribute on behalf of Wisconsin taxpayers, we ask that you provide us a detailed summary explaining how you intend to finance this proposal, and be sure to include the cost of legal action implementation will require. To that end, we also ask that you provide us with a thorough legal explanation of how you would defend the law given recent legal precedent and publicly voiced Fourth Amendment concerns.

We would point to the state of Missouri, where a similar proposal was implemented, and over eight months and 636 drug tests, yielded a total of 20 positive tests at a cost to taxpayers of \$500,000. The state of Florida ran a less costly program but ran into an embarrassing legal outcome.

We recognize that managing these federal programs does require state resources, and given the scarcity of these resources and the many priorities of Wisconsin taxpayers, it is our duty to ensure that your proposal to reform management of these federal dollars does not hurt Wisconsin taxpayers or unfairly limit their access to federal programs.

Sincerely,



Mark Pocan
Member of Congress



Gwen Moore
Member of Congress