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## **Senator Erpenbach statement on decision of Governor Walker to punt to Federal government on Health Insurance Exchanges**

“I am disappointed that Governor Walker does not have enough faith in the people of Wisconsin to help create a health insurance marketplace that best fits our needs as a state. Elections do have consequences, and ObamaCare is the law of the land. Governor Walker has never talked to Wisconsin about the benefits of increasing access to affordable health insurance, and ending the worst abuses of the insurance industry.

He has led people to believe that if Wisconsin doesn't implement an exchange, ObamaCare doesn't happen here. The Governor that has prided himself on his opposition to big government has invited the Federal government into our state to dictate how our exchange will work. We could have put ourselves in a better position.

Governor Walker has ignored what a diverse group of stakeholders from business groups, to providers and hospitals to consumer advocates have advised him to do, under the guise of “protecting the taxpayers”. Governor Walker doesn't like ObamaCare, he didn't like the results of the election and when it came time to lead, he punted.”

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