

# WISCONSIN VALUES BUDGET: BETTER CHOICES FOR WISCONSIN

## WISCONSIN CAN MAKE BETTER CHOICES

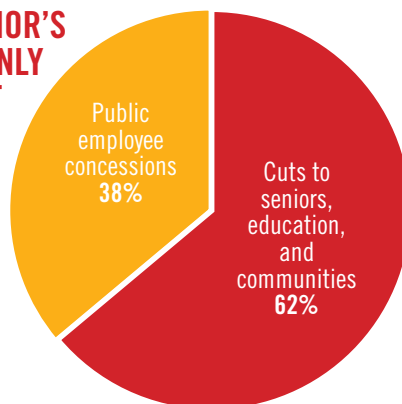
The Wisconsin Values Budget is a balanced approach to our fiscal challenges that demonstrates the Governor's choices are not necessary choices. Through sacrifice that is fairly shared, and by building on Wisconsin's history of progressive innovation, we can maintain and further improve public structures that work for

everyone. The Wisconsin Values Budget, unlike the Governor's "cuts only" approach, begins again to truly share the burden of creating a dynamic and prosperous economy that promotes opportunity, security, and freedom for all Wisconsinites.

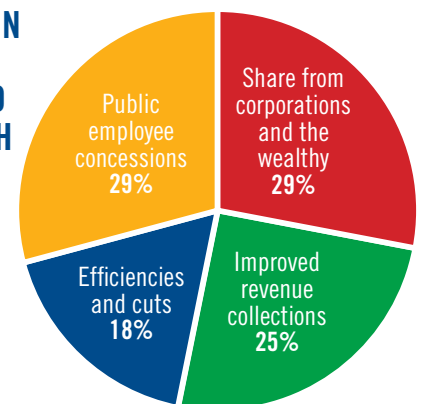
	Governor's Cuts-Only Budget	vs.	Wisconsin Values Balanced Approach	Notes
Digging the hole deeper	-\$400 million		\$0	The Governor's budget & budget adjustment bills add to the deficit by increasing tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations (by \$200 million) and spending for highways and voucher schools.
Public workers' concessions and cuts to local aid	\$1.54 billion		\$1.04 billion	The Wisconsin Values Budget assumes the same concessions but cuts aid by \$500 million less to reflect the limits on what local governments can actually save over the next two years without deep cuts to services.
Fair share from corporations & the wealthy	\$0		\$1.04 billion	Narrowly targeted tax increases for corporations and the wealthiest Wisconsinites.
Improved revenue collection	\$0		\$900 million	Increased revenue from the economic rebound and improved collection of what is owed.
Spending cuts – education, health care, human services, etc.	\$2.48 billion		\$640 million	The Wisconsin Values Budget reduces the cuts to about \$640 million, including \$200 million (instead of \$500 million) from Medicaid.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.62 billion</b>		<b>\$3.62 billion</b>	

### CLOSING THE GAP: TWO APPROACHES

#### GOVERNOR'S CUTS-ONLY BUDGET



#### WISCONSIN VALUES BALANCED APPROACH



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