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The **Independent Business Association of Wisconsin** (IBAW) Board of Directors has endorsed Scott Walker for Governor and Rebecca Kleefisch for Lt. Governor.

“The Board of Directors felt strongly that Governor Walker and Lt. Gov. Kleefisch have vastly improved the business climate and image here in Wisconsin and the State will continue to improve under their leadership and experience”, said Steve Kohlmann, IBAW’s Executive Director.

IBAW members encompass manufacturing, service, distribution, healthcare, technology, financial, consulting and others. A statewide, non-profit association, IBAW members and sponsors employ thousands of Wisconsin workers.

The following is a brief listing of accomplishments under the Walker administration:

- A balanced State budget, sustainability of a fully funded pension, and improved bond rating
- A unemployment rate of under 3%
- \$636 million increase in state aids in the 2017-19 budget
- Bringing Wisconsin to a worldwide stage with new business such as: FoxConn, Hairbo, Kenall Lighting
- Qualified Production tax credit which will effectively eliminate State Income Tax for Manufacturing and Agriculture.
- Over \$8 billion in tax cuts:
 - Income and franchise tax reductions.....\$4.82 billion
 - Property tax reductions.....\$3.56 billion
 - Other tax cuts.....\$90 million
- Personal Income tax reductions totaling \$750 million dollars
- Freeze on UW Tuition for six years in a row
- Investments of \$100 million in dedicated Workforce development and training programs.
- The “Better Bottom Line” program helping hire more people with disabilities for Wisconsin companies.
- Development of the Wisconsin Workforce Partnership Grant.
- Across the board State agency reform.
- Regulatory and permitting reform within the WDNR.
- A public/private transformation of the Department of Commerce into the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- \$25 million dollar Venture Capital Bill.

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