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Walker's Talk of Sacrifice Doesn't Match Pay Stub

While thumping his chest about freezing wages and squeezing ever-deeper sacrifices out of front-line state employees, Gov. Scott Walker has been happy to pocket a nice pay hike over his predecessor.

This week Walker trumpeted an employee compensation plan that freezes wages while stripping away decades of protections designed to limit political influence over the work of state agencies.

“Walker took a raise of more than \$7,300 the day he stepped into office and began taking away rights and pay from less lofty state employees,” said Marty Beil, executive director of the Wisconsin State Employees Union, AFSCME Council 24.

Walker's annual pay of \$144,423 compares to \$137,092 for the office before he became governor. The lieutenant governor's pay went to \$76,261 from \$72,394. The attorney general's pay went to \$140,147 from \$133,033.

“I don't see Walker, or other top elected officials giving back their raises while forcing scores of front-line state employees into food pantries,” Beil said.

“Walker can sit in a state-supported mansion with his fat salary, handing out special favors to corporations while prattling on about ‘shared sacrifice’. But the truth is he doesn't know the meaning of either one of those words. In Walker's world, sacrifice is always for somebody else,” Beil said,