



(AP) U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan says Wisconsin's recall election against Republican Gov. Scott Walker is the second most important election in the nation this year. The rising GOP star from Wisconsin said Monday the June election is a national trendsetting election that's only second behind the presidential election in November. Democrats and their allies are trying to recall Walker, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch, and four GOP state senators, as payback for a Walker-proposed law that stripped most public workers of collective bargaining rights. Ryan says if Walker loses, it will discourage other governors and state legislatures from having the courage to take on structural budget challenges. He says he will actively campaign for Walker. Ryan spoke to a friendly crowd of members of the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.