

The Blue Wall Tour

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The Blue Wall Bus Tour, a campaign tour for the Harris-Walz campaign, which began on Oct. 14, included Governors Gretchen Whitmer (Michigan), Tony Evers (Wisconsin), Josh Shapiro (Pennsylvania) and others, traveling across swing states trying to reach voters in hopes of swaying the outcome of the 2024 Presidential Election.

I was in attendance on Oct. 14 for the kickoff of the tour in Green Bay at the KI Convention Center. A jazz band was playing, and Harris-Walz supporters waited hours for the blue bus to roll in. Finally, the time came when the garage door opened and the bus entered the room with us. Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer took the stage with Governor Tony Evers and Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz. After Governor Whitmer fired up the crowd, Governor Evers took to the podium delivering much more excitement around what the Harris administration would bring to America.

Finally, Governor Walz spoke to a crowd of enthusiastic and energetic supporters. He offered visions for the future and the policies that a Harris-Walz presidency would deliver. For me, the highlight was meeting the governors after the event. I met Tim Walz first, and the Secret Service kindly offered to take our photo. Next, I met Governor Whitmer, whom I had met in the past, and as always, she was nice as could be. She signed a favorite book of mine and posed for a photo with me. Lastly, I met Governor Evers, who is such a sweet person. He talked with me for a while, signed some memorabilia and took a photo. Overall, there was an excellent turnout, and the event was a great success!

Kamala Harris traveled to Green Bay on Thursday, Oct. 17 for her final stop of the day in Wisconsin. The Resch Center opened its doors at 2:45 p.m., and supporters began flooding in. Thankfully, I was in the family and friends section, so although it took more than an hour to get through the security line, I had a clear view to see Vice President Harris.

The crowd was energetic, dancing, singing, and holding up their signs in enthusiasm and joy. Hundreds were turned away at the door because capacity was met. After hours of waiting, Kamala Harris stepped onto the stage, walking between two American flags draped on each side of the entrance. She exuded confidence, intelligence and leadership. Her speech entailed her planned policies and path for the future. The economy, healthcare and small businesses were some highlighted topics of the speech. Vice President Harris wished us a goodnight, and exited the stage to Beyonce's "Freedom."