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Rep. Snyder Votes to End Workforce Crisis

Madison... Today, Representatives Patrick Snyder's (R-Schofield) voted to pass Assembly Bill 336 to improve the workforce crisis in Wisconsin. Rep. Snyder said:

"Right now businesses throughout Marathon County and across the rest of Wisconsin are simply unable to find enough employees to effectively operate. I see restaurants and other businesses across our community offering high wages, sign-on bonuses, and benefits typically associated with careers for entry-level service jobs."

Current unemployment insurance benefits allow claimants to earn \$16.75 an hour – much of which is tax free – while not participating in the workforce. The expanded benefits are due to Wisconsin's participation in various federal supplemental insurance programs. AB 336 would end Wisconsin's participation in these federal programs. 25 other states have already opted out of these programs which are slated to expire in September. Rep. Snyder continued:

"Wisconsin is open and the summer season is in full swing. However, many businesses are struggling to reap the benefits of the reopened economy and summer season because they cannot find employees. It is past time to fix this crisis and help get people back to work."

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