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**There Are Endless Opportunities in Rural Wisconsin If You Take the Initiative**

Our district is in a time of economic growth. Currently, Wisconsin has a historic unemployment rate of 2.8%, and our counties are at or even lower than the state rate with Jackson at 2.5%, Buffalo at 2.8% and Trempealeau County at a May all-time low of 2.3%.

This week I had the great pleasure of touring Western Technical College’s Independence Regional Center. Doris Mish and the wonderful staff enlightened me regarding the importance of the work being accomplished there by people from our communities.

By offering post-secondary education, training, ELL, and GED close to home services, Western Tech is truly changing the landscape of our future. But this future needs young adults to recognize the endless opportunities available to them. Currently Wisconsin and the Nation are facing a skills gap with ample job openings that pay decent wages and provide great benefits, but not enough people with the right qualifications to fill these positions. With the help of technical colleges and apprenticeships, people will not only learn skills that will prepare them for life, but will present them with opportunities to better themselves and their communities.

As a technical college graduate myself, I know that we can continue to lower the percentage of unemployment in our area. I hope that you and your families continue to enjoy this beautiful summer we have been given. As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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