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## Rep. Doyle calls on Gov. Walker to Convene a Special Legislative Session Focused on Jobs

Rep. Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) and 37 of his colleagues today sent a letter to the Governor asking him to immediately call a Special Session of the Legislature which would concentrate on bills creating jobs in Wisconsin. The letter to the Governor contained several proposals which have been offered to create jobs and protect the middle class. "As I talk to my constituents, I constantly hear about the need to put all of our citizens in Wisconsin back to work in jobs which pay a fair and decent wage," said Doyle.

"The list of proposals sent to the Governor would help bring about more opportunities for all the people in Wisconsin," Rep. Doyle said. "We need to focus on legislation which will continue to grow the economy instead of bills which create new license plates or proposals to legalize rubber duck raffles. I want the Governor and the Legislature to commit to solving the problems everyone faces in finding and securing a good job,"

Bureau of Labor Statistics records released last week show Wisconsin has fallen to 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation in private-sector job creation over the past year, and is 37<sup>th</sup> over the past two years. "These numbers cannot continue if Wisconsin is to bring back the manufacturing jobs we have always been known for and to attract the high tech industries we need to develop a stable workforce for our future," Doyle said.

The updated *Forbes* list projects Wisconsin will be 45<sup>th</sup> in the nation in job growth through 2016. "That projection shows no confidence in our state's current ability to attract and retain the best jobs, Doyle said. "We need to send a message that we are serious about job creation."

"Our families have waited and struggled long enough for the jobs that other states are bringing in," Rep. Doyle said. "Whether they are Republican or Democratic ideas, the important thing is that we take steps now to do all we can to create jobs."

A copy of the letter is attached.

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