

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## **Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Session**

**MADISON** – Today the Wisconsin State Assembly met to vote on several bills relating to unemployment insurance. Rep. Billings issued the following statement following the session.

"Unfortunately, Republicans put forward a package of bills which don't adequately respond to the workforce challenges we face in Wisconsin," said Rep. Billings.

"Our state continues to have record low unemployment and a high labor participation rate," stated Rep. Billings. "Republicans should be working with us in a non-partisan way on the workforce challenges in our state."

"If we were serious today about addressing the workforce shortage in our state we would be taking up the issues which prevent people from fully participating in the workforce: the accessibility and affordability of childcare, public transit funding, affordable workforce housing, and access to mental health and substance abuse treatment" said Rep. Billings. "If people don't have access to these fundamental resources, we will not achieve the participation in our workforce that we need."

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