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## **Rep. Billings Statement on “Right to Work” Introduction**

MADISON –Republican legislators announced plans to introduce a controversial “Right to Work” bill in an extraordinary session this week. Republican leadership indicated that they would like legislation to be pushed through as quickly as possible. Representative Jill Billings (D- La Crosse) released the following statement in response to this legislation:

“Republicans’ introduction of right to work legislation is a divisive attempt to distract from the many harmful proposals of Governor Walker’s budget. What’s worse – and simply undemocratic – is that Republican legislators are attempting to pass this bill with very little chance for public input. Our workers, neighbors, and families deserve to have their views represented by their elected officials – not tossed aside in favor of blatantly partisan proposals.

“Right to Work legislation is wrong for Wisconsin. Our state already faces a \$2.2 billion deficit due to the misguided actions of Walker’s administration. Statistics show that, in Right to Work states, citizens receive lower wages, have less job security, have worse public health, and have higher levels of poverty. Right to Work legislation, coupled with Walker’s reductive budget proposals, could cripple our economy altogether.

“Gov. Walker and Republican legislators got Wisconsin into this economic mess. I urge them to create and support legislation that will repair our economy, not get us into an even larger hole.”

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