

TO: Marshfield Clinic Service Area Legislators

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SUBJECT: Support of CORE Jobs Act

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As Director and Deputy Director of Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, we are writing in support of Senators Lassa and Kreitlow's proposed jobs creation legislation. Specifically, we single out the recommended \$1 million in grants that would be made available through the Wisconsin Development Fund targeted toward those types of research that have a potential to support development of new businesses in Wisconsin and stimulate job creation. Much of the research conducted at Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, frequently in collaboration with our State's other academic medical centers, in such areas as clinical research, human genetics, and biomedical informatics is the type of research this legislation would help to fund. The health of our citizens, the communities we serve, and the strength of our economy benefit when discoveries in these areas are commercialized by Wisconsin businesses and when scientists at institutions such as ours leverage State research funding to bring additional federal research grants into the State.

Thank you for your consideration of the legislation.