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Rep. Robyn Vining Advocates for Small Business Assistance to Support Dreams, Families, and Jobs

MADISON - Today, Governor Tony Evers joined State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) in her district at Miss Molly's Cafe in Milwaukee to discuss assistance to small businesses during the pandemic and announce that \$2.5 billion from the American Rescue Plan will be invested in economic recovery in Wisconsin, \$600 million of which will go to support small businesses. Gov. Evers also vetoed Senate Bill 183, preserving the ability to direct the federal relief funds quickly and effectively. Rep. Vining gave the following remarks:

"We are here today to honor the hard work of small businesses across Wisconsin. Over the last year we have looked on as small business owners facing a devastating public health and economic crisis have pivoted, innovated, and hustled in a fight to survive. And I'm honored to be here with Governor Evers, and Miss Molly, because I watched closely as Miss Molly's Bakery fought to stay open, care for their staff, and keep the dream alive. I also watched as our Governor worked to fund assistance for small businesses in this battle to survive and thrive.

"I've known Molly since we were small business owners together in the events industry, and since this business we're standing in was an unactualized dream. I saw her build toward this dream, and I saw her achieve this dream. And a year ago, I saw this dream challenged in a way no one could ever expect.

"Small businesses are the heart of our state's economy. The vast majority of Wisconsin businesses are small businesses. Families across Wisconsin live out their dreams of owning a thriving small business that fills their hearts, puts food on the table, and supports the lives of their employees -- many employees who become like family.

"I've seen this with Molly. I've watched her dream become reality, support her family, and care for her employees like family. And when the pandemic hit, all three of those were challenged -- the dream, her family, and the jobs of the people who work here.

"Governor Evers worked last year to spend CARES dollars to support small businesses, and in doing so, supported dreams, families, and jobs. And as we look forward to the next phase of federal assistance for Wisconsin's small businesses, we do not have time for political posturing, fighting, delays, or obstruction. What we need is swift action focused on Wisconsin's dreams, families and jobs, and I am trusting our Governor, democratically elected by the people of Wisconsin, to continue to do what he did over the last year -- make smart, swift funding decisions supporting our small businesses' dreams, families and jobs."

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website [here](#).

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