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## Rep. Rodriguez Supports Workforce Recovery

**MADISON** – Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) joined her Assembly Republican colleagues today in supporting economic recovery for small businesses throughout Wisconsin by encouraging able-bodied adults to return to the workforce.

"We've been hearing more and more from small business owners that they are having great difficulty finding people to come to work," said Rodriguez. "Unfortunately, some of these business owners have had days that they've had to close their doors early, or have been unable to open some days due to being short-staffed."

Assembly Bill 336 (AB 336) seeks to support workforce recovery by terminating Wisconsin's participation in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

If signed, Wisconsin would join 25 other states that have opted out of federal unemployment benefit enhancers. AB 336 would also ensure those Wisconsinites who are collecting unemployment are actively seeking work.

"In my district, I've seen an increasing amount of 'Help Wanted' signs, and heard from many small business owners that are increasing wages or offering sign-on bonuses – these are great things! Wisconsin is open for business, and it's time for everyone who is able to rejoin the workforce to do so," said Rep. Rodriguez.

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