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### **HEBL, ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS STAND UP FOR WORKERS**

*Hebl Cites Lower Wages, Higher Workplace Safety Risks as Reasons to Oppose “Right to Exploit” Bill*

**(MADISON)** – Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today voted against so-called “right to work” legislation that has been proven to lead to lower wages, greater workplace safety concerns, and a general decrease in standard of living.

Republicans all but acknowledged that “right to work” will lead to lower wages by refusing to adopt an amendment that would sunset the law if Wisconsin’s per capita wages decrease after three years, Hebl said.

“Republicans showed their hand today,” Hebl said. “Despite continued assurances that this bill is good for Wisconsin workers, Republicans have demonstrated that they are well aware that ‘right to work’ legislation will drive down wages.”

A January 2015 Marquette University study found that “right to work” laws led to lower wages, higher incidences of workplace fatalities, and greater income inequality.

“After today’s debate, it’s clear that both sides know that this bill is bad for workers,” Hebl said. “What’s evident now more than ever is that this bill was never about Wisconsin’s economy – it was rammed through the Legislature to distract from a disastrous budget that, among other things, cuts \$300 million from the UW system, guts SeniorCare, and borrows \$1.3 billion for road projects.”

“In 2011, we saw Gov. Walker’s ‘divide and conquer’ strategy. Now, Gov. Walker is employing his ‘distract and conspire’ strategy to draw attention away from a budget that stands to destroy the Wisconsin Way.”

*Rep. Hebl serves the 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the cities of Stoughton and Sun Prairie, the village of Cottage Grove, and the townships of Sun Prairie, Cottage Grove, Pleasant Springs, and Dunkirk.*

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