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## **Representative Brooks: Budget Vetoes Discourage Individuals from Joining the Workforce**

**Madison, WI**—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) believes that Governor Evers’ vetoes of funding for common-sense welfare reform programs discourage able-bodied Wisconsinites from joining the workforce.

“Wisconsin’s unemployment rate has been below 3 percent for more than 14 consecutive months and employers are clamoring for individuals to fill good-paying, career-sustaining jobs. Yet, Governor Evers wants to make it easier for individuals to join the state’s welfare rolls. We should not be making it easier to stay on welfare at a time of record low unemployment and continued economic expansion,” Representative Brooks said.

Currently, able-bodied Wisconsinites with school-aged dependent children are required to work, or receive at least 80 hours of education or training, in order to receive FoodShare benefits. Governor Evers’ veto removes more than \$20 million that was appropriated for workforce training and education programs. Governor Evers has made clear that he would like able-bodied Wisconsinites to remain on welfare even if they choose not to work or participate in workforce training or education program.

Furthermore, Governor Evers vetoed funding for drug screening and substance abuse treatment for FoodShare recipients devoid of dependent children.

“Wisconsin should incentivize its able-bodied citizens to participate in the labor force, not become dependent upon government for their survival. Governor Evers, with his veto of these common-sense reforms, has prevented thousands of able-bodied Wisconsinites from achieving the American dream and becoming active members of the state’s robust and diverse labor force,” Representative Brooks stated.

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