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Rep. Shankland: Statement on Assembly hearing on “Right to Work”

MADISON – This evening, the Assembly Committee on Labor concluded a twelve-hour public hearing on the so-called “Right to Work” bill. Registrants and speakers were overwhelmingly in opposition to the bill, which will intrude on private business relationships by restricting the right of businesses to negotiate freely with their employees. In response, Rep. Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

“Hundreds of Wisconsin workers came to their Statehouse today to register their opposition to the so-called Right to Work bill, and I am thankful they were able to make their voices heard. I hope the Assembly Republicans think hard about their vote on this bill and represent their constituents’ voices when they vote. With Wisconsin already lagging the nation in job creation and wage growth, the last thing our state needs is legislation that interferes with private business contracts and lowers wages for everyone.

“Whereas Democrats want to raise wages for hard-working Wisconsin families, Republican leadership is continuing to fast-track this bill to distract from their devastating budget and the \$2 billion Walker Deficit. Over 440 businesses and contractors have asked them not to pass the bill and hundreds of Wisconsin workers have pleaded with their legislators to vote against it. These middle class families will be watching when the Assembly takes the floor this week.”

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Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) represents the 71st Assembly District in Portage County and serves as the Assistant Assembly Democratic Leader.