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Rep. Green Votes to Get People Back to Work

Madison – Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View) issued the following after voting in favor of helping people move on from government when it comes to the workforce in Wisconsin.

"The workforce issue in Northern Wisconsin is one of my top priorities," said Rep. Green. "We want to help people that need help, but there are nearly 100,000 jobs available in Wisconsin, and everyone that is able to work should be part of the workforce and help the state of Wisconsin."

People focus on the unemployment rate to determine how well the workforce is doing, but we should also look at the labor force participation rate. According to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, the labor force participation rate is 64.5%, the lowest rate since 1976. That is not a good thing.

This April, voters overwhelmingly (80-20) supported the advisory referendum asking if ablebodied, childless adults should be required to look for work to receive taxpayer-funded benefits. This package of workforce bills promotes accountability, encourages personal responsibility, prevents fraud and abuse, and gets people back into the workforce.

"My colleagues and I are trying to help Wisconsin take the next step to improve the workforce while the Democrats and the governor stand idly by," said Rep. Green.

The bills now go to the state Senate for consideration.

Constituents can contact our office by emailing <u>Rep.Green@legis.wisconsin.gov</u> or by calling (608) 237-9174. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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