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Rep. Edming Supports Right-to-Work

Madison – State Representative James W. Edming (R-Glen Flora) supported personal freedom in the workplace by voting in favor of the right-to-work bill, <u>Senate Bill 44</u>. Now, Wisconsin is one step closer to becoming the country's 25th right-to-work state.

"I do not think that people should be forced to join a union or pay dues as a condition of their employment. I am pleased that worker freedom was triumphant in our Capitol." said Rep. Edming. "I believe I voted the way my constituents would see fit. Those who contacted my office overwhelmingly supported right-to-work and I feel that I represented their best interests by voting for this legislation."

The right-to-work bill allows for voluntary union memberships. Workers now have the choice as to whether they wish to belong to their company's union. The bill does not negate existing labor contracts.

"This legislation is neither pro-union nor anti-union. I think it produces a real sense of competition within the workplace, as unions will have to argue their case to potential members and exhibit value to current ones."

States with right-to-work in place continually outperform forced union states in both economic growth and personal wage growth. This bill will create more of a business climate that will attract new companies to Wisconsin and help to create family-supporting jobs.

"Over the last four years, our state has made great strides and this legislation will lead to additional economic growth," said Rep. Edming. "I am proud to see Wisconsin workers obtain the freedom that they deserve."

The right-to-work bill will now go to Governor Walker for his signature.

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