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## Time to Unleash Wisconsin's Free Market

Representative John Macco (R-Ledgeview) released the following statement after Assembly Bill 336, which would end Wisconsin's participation in federal supplemental unemployment insurance programs and prohibits the waiving of work search requirements, passed in the Assembly.

"While federal enhancements to unemployment compensation may have been necessary when the state was effectively shut down, those federal dollars are not necessary today. Wisconsin is not facing a job shortage, it is facing a workforce shortage because ablebodied Wisconsinites are being incentivized to stay home."

"The overwhelming majority of employers in our district offer well above minimum wage. Just a cursory search found over 650 entry level jobs starting at 15 dollars an hour or more, many with signing bonuses, posted in the last two weeks in Green Bay and De Pere alone. This is not a wage issue, it is an issue of government interfering in the free market."

"Wisconsin's economy is ready to move forward but unnecessary enhancements to unemployment compensation and the waving of work search requirements continue to hold our state back. I encourage the Governor to sign this bill, restore some normalcy to the job market, and help get Wisconsinites back on track to provide a better life for them and their loved ones."

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