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TO: Honorable Members of the Assembly

FROM: Edward Lump, President & CEO

RE: Wisconsin Restaurant Association supports AB-767

The Wisconsin Restaurant Association (WRA) represents over 7000 restaurant units in Wisconsin. While these restaurants come from every segment of the industry from fine dining to quick-service, the vast majority are small businesses with less than \$550,000 in annual sales.

This bill makes necessary modifications to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act which became law in 2003. This law has been an effective step forward but these modifications will further help small businesses monitor their compliance status and new rules under development. This bill will also allow small business operators to be more involved in rule-making and have a clearer idea of who to contact with compliance questions.

This bill modifies the membership of the Small Business Review Board and restores the duties of the Office of Small Business Assistance at the Department of Commerce. This will address procedural problems encountered by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board and help make Department of Commerce more effective in providing assistance to small businesses.

WRA urges passage of AB-767.

Thank you for your consideration.