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Rep. Ohnstad Calls On Governor Walker To Veto Prevailing Wage Law Changes

MADISON – Representative Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) today sent a letter to Governor Walker asking him to veto the provisions of the 2015-17 budget bill related to Wisconsin's prevailing wage law.

"There are so many huge problems in this budget bill, it's hard to know where to begin when considering what should be cut out of the budget," said Rep. Ohnstad. "Given my positions on the Assembly Jobs Committee and the Assembly Labor Committee, though, I knew I had to focus on the unnecessary, harmful changes to Wisconsin's long-standing prevailing wage law currently included in the budget bill."

Continued Ohnstad, "Enacting the proposed changes to Wisconsin's prevailing wage law will ultimately result in lower wages for Wisconsin construction workers and in lesser quality work when out-of-state firms bring in less qualified, less trained workers to work on these public projects. At a time when Wisconsin has more people falling out of the middle class than any other state in the nation, repealing prevailing wage and thus lowering wages for thousands of Wisconsinites is mean-spirited and unacceptable. I call on Gov. Walker to stand on the side of private businesses, contractors, construction workers, and Wisconsin residents who want workers to earn a fair wage and who want to ensure our public construction projects are done effectively, efficiently, and will stand the test of time over the years to come."

Rep. Ohnstad serves as ranking member on the Assembly Committee on Jobs and Economy, as well as serving on the Assembly Committee on Labor, Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, Assembly Committee on Tourism, and Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

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