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Rep. Spreitzer's Statement on Extraordinary Session for So-called "Right to Work" Law

MADISON – Today Republican leaders announced plans to call an Extraordinary Session of the legislature to pass so-called "Right to Work" legislation. In response, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:

"So-called 'Right to Work' is wrong for Wisconsin. Governor Walker has called 'Right to Work' a distraction, and it looks like he is trying to distract the people of Wisconsin from his budget proposal that slashes funding for kids, seniors, and middle class families. This distraction will drive down wages and fail to create jobs or help grow our economy. Wisconsin is already behind most of the nation in jobs and wage growth and 'Right to Work' would only make things worse – the average worker in 'Right to Work' states makes over \$5,000 less than the average worker in other states.

"If we are going to have an extraordinary session, it should be to take up legislation to create good-paying jobs and grow Wisconsin's middle class, like the Economic Opportunity Agenda offered by Assembly Democrats last week. Unfortunately, this extraordinary session is a farce that sacrifices wage growth and worker training opportunities for political ideology.

Republicans should focus their attention on fixing Governor Walker's budget and passing legislation that will actually create jobs, increase wages and restore economic opportunity here in Wisconsin."

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