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Remembering Wisconsin Workers

LA CROSSE, WI – International Workers' Memorial Day is held annually on April 28th in remembrance of workers killed, disabled or injured in the workplace. As part of the La Crosse area observance of International Workers' Memorial Day, Senator Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) released the following statement:

"International Workers' Memorial Day is a solemn reminder that we must fight for workplace safety each and every day. In big cities and small towns across our region, many workers continue to face dangers and challenges in the workplace. Whether it is handling volatile chemicals, operating dangerous machinery or suffering exposure to workplace violence, new threats to workplace safety continue to be a significant issue.

"Everyone in our state should feel confident that they're entering a safe work environment each day and I remain committed to strengthening workplace safety and defending the rights of workers who suffer injuries on the job.

"Nearly four million Americans suffer a workplace injury every year. While safety initiatives have helped to significantly reduce workplace fatalities, many workers continue to face exposure to job hazards. In Wisconsin, Democrats have prioritized legislation to improve working conditions for some of the most dangerous occupations including correctional officers, construction workers and community law enforcement.

**Media note: The La Crosse Workers' Memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 28th at XXXXXXXXX

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