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Rep. Duchow Votes to Override Evers' Veto, Supports Workforce Recovery

Madison, WI - Representative Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield) voted with her Republican colleagues in an attempt to override Governor Evers' veto of legislation that aims to address Wisconsin's critical worker shortage.

Assembly Bill 336, which the governor vetoed last month, would have ended Wisconsin's participation in several federal programs that are incentivizing unemployed individuals to not go back to work. Participation in these programs, which are set to expire on September 6, 2021, provide an additional \$300 per week on top of state benefits.

"Wisconsin's businesses are in a crisis, and Governor Evers and the Assembly Democrats either cannot see that or simply do not care," said Rep. Duchow. "These employers are begging us to do something and help them recover from a difficult year and Assembly Republicans have shown that we will fight for Wisconsin's businesses community."

In addition to ending Wisconsin's participation in the federal enhancers, Assembly Bill 336 also prohibits the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development from waiving the work search requirements for any reason related to COVID-19. The governor waived that requirement last year through an emergency rule.

"Wages are increasing yet businesses still cannot find employees, forcing many businesses to close their doors or ask current employees to work even more hours," said Rep. Duchow. "These benefits may have been necessary when the governor shut down the economy and people were forced out of their jobs through no fault of their own, but now they only keep people on the sidelines."

"Today, Governor Evers and the Assembly Democrats chose inaction rather than taking a reasonable approach to recovery, and unfortunately Wisconsinites will have to pay the price."

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Representative Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District which includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.