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Senator Fitzgerald Opens Debate on Workplace Freedom Legislation

[Madison, WI] Earlier today, Senator Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) appeared on WTMJ-AM (620) with Charlie Sykes to discuss Wisconsin's growing debate over the potential push for Right to Work legislation in the coming session. Senator Fitzgerald released the following supplemental statement:

"This morning, I emphasized that fact that we in the legislature simply cannot avoid engaging in an open debate of Right to Work this legislative session—a debate that has, in fact, been simmering in Wisconsin since before the passage of Act 10. Recent nationwide polling from Gallup has shown that an overwhelming majority of Americans are supportive of some version of Right to Work legislation and many of Wisconsin's businesses have adopted individual versions of these protections for their workers.

While we do not know what a state-specific version of Right to Work will look like in Wisconsin, we owe it to the people of the state to have a true public policy discussion on the issue. That means examining the laws of the 24 other states that have already adopted some version of these protections and working with representatives of the private sector to determine the best fit for Wisconsin.

I look forward to working with the members of my caucus and other leadership to initiate a lively debate on the issue as we continue to ensure that Wisconsin remains a competitive site for new and growing businesses."

While other legislators have voiced support for a Wisconsin Right to Work law, the earliest that a version of the legislation could be introduced is following the January 5 inauguration date.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represents the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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