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Kapenga Statement on Governor Walker's Welfare Reform Proposal

Madison – This morning, Governor Walker announced his welfare reform budget initiative, “Wisconsin Works for Everyone.” Following the announcement, Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield), chair of the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing, and State-Federal Relations, made the following statement:

“Governor Thompson’s welfare reform in the 1990’s was revolutionary because it identified employment as the primary vehicle to move out of poverty. I applaud Governor Walker for introducing a plan that builds on these reforms, recognizing that family, gainful employment, and education are the keys to self-sufficiency.”

“Our goal is to transition the government from the role of provider to connector, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to realize their full potential and improve their lives. The governor’s plan moves Wisconsin one step closer to achieving that goal and promotes economic opportunity by addressing our state’s burdensome occupational licensing regulations. I look forward to reviewing his detailed budget proposal and working with my colleagues to build upon this plan.”

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