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Representative Kitchens Statement on “Wisconsin Works for Everyone” Welfare Reform:

Madison—State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after an announcement regarding welfare reform at the Brown County Offices yesterday:

“Yesterday Governor Walker announced his “Wisconsin Works for Everyone” reform package. Building on our past successes, as well as those of the Thompson administration, this is the next step towards welfare reform in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has been a national leader on this issue and I am happy to continue to make it a priority.

“Breaking down workplace barriers and incentivizing employment is a crucial step towards helping our unemployed. Additionally, providing workplace training is critical in breaking the cycle of generational poverty and reducing dependency on government.

“Earlier this month I attended a press conference where it was announced that Wisconsin has been awarded \$2 million through the New Skills for Youth Grant. This grant, will build on the “Wisconsin Works for Everyone” in order to train employees for skilled, family-supporting jobs.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue to address Wisconsin’s workplace needs and further reform our welfare system to benefit all.”

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