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Representative Ballweg and Colleagues Send Letter to Congressional Delegation in Support of J-1 Students

Madison...State Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) sent a letter, signed by 23 of her colleagues, to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation urging them to support the J-1 summer work and travel program and resist any changes that could result from President Trump's "Buy American and Hire American" executive order.

"Cities, like Wisconsin Dells, depend on J-1 students to fill the high workforce demands of their tourist season," said Ballweg. "Without the J-1 program, there simply is not enough people to fill the jobs needed to adequately support the over 4 million annual visitors to the Dells."

Participants in the J-1 student work and travel program practice their English, experience our culture, and gain valuable workforce experience, and the communities across the state benefit from and embrace the culture and diversity these participants provide.

"At a time where Wisconsin has more jobs than available workers, we should be talking about solutions to strengthen our workforce, not cut it," said Ballweg.

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See attached letter