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## ***Wisconsin Jobs NOW Task Force Releases Final Report***

More than 150 job creators express concern with the direction state is moving

**[Madison, Wisc...]** Sen. Randy Hopper (R-Fond du Lac) and Rep. Rich Zipperer (R-Pewaukee) today announced the release of the Wisconsin Jobs NOW Task Force Final Report. The findings and recommendations are a result of seven roundtable discussions held across the state with more than 150 job creators.

“Fixing our economy and creating jobs starts with listening to employers about what they need to expand their workforce,” Hopper said. “I hope this report serves as a wakeup call to the out-of-touch politicians who have never bothered to ask.”

“To craft policies aimed at creating jobs in Wisconsin, we talked to private sector leaders who are working every day to accomplish that goal,” Zipperer said. “Their message was clear: reduce taxes, streamline regulations and get government agencies to work with them, not against them.”

The final report includes 27 specific recommendations from job creators in five general categories: taxes, regulatory policy, workforce development, healthcare and reversing or preventing damaging proposals from the legislature.

The recommendations include:

- reducing personal, employer and property taxes,
- expediting the permitting process,
- promoting greater use of Workforce Advancement Training Grants,
- lowering health care costs by putting patients in charge instead of bureaucrats, and
- preventing damaging changes to state insurance laws such as joint and several liability.

The Wisconsin Jobs NOW Task Force was created in March as a response to the passage by the legislature of more than \$1 billion in tax increases on employers. Wisconsin Act 2, comprising nearly 400 pages, was introduced and passed on a partisan vote within 72 hours. No public hearing was held and no input was sought from the employers who create jobs in our state.

The Task Force is comprised of both legislative members and private-sector members. It held roundtable discussions in Green Bay, Brown Deer, Eau Claire, Rhinelander, West Bend, Wausau, Waukesha and Elkhorn. More than 150 job creators participated ranging from sole-proprietorships to several of the state’s largest employers. The industries they represented included everything from local auto repair shops to internationally-recognized technology companies.

Additional information on the Task Force, including a copy of the final report, can be found on the web at [www.wisconsinjobsnow.info](http://www.wisconsinjobsnow.info).