

Assembly Democrats Lay Out Their Expectations for “Right to Work” Public Hearing

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Representatives Sinicki, Mason and Ohnstad Urge for Maximum Public Input on Incredibly Damaging Bill.

MADISON – Democratic members of the Assembly Committee on Labor laid out their expectations and plans on Thursday for the upcoming public hearing on Senate Bill 44 – the so-called “Right to Work” bill.

Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee), Rep. Cory Mason (D-Racine) and Rep. Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) joined together to share their concerns about the silencing of public input during the Senate hearing earlier this week and outline a plan to ensure every effort is made to allow for public input on this extremely damaging bill for Wisconsin working families.



“So-called ‘Right to Work’ will drive down wages, hurt job creation, harm our economy and further divide our state,” **Rep. Sinicki said.** “There is little doubt that Gov. Walker is using so-called ‘Right to Work’ as a smokescreen to distract the public from his disastrous budget while he runs around the country courting Republican primary voters. Assembly Democrats are not only voicing our strong opposition to this bill, but also working hard to ensure there is maximum public input on this extremely damaging bill that will hurt all Wisconsin working families.”

The Democratic committee members sent a letter to Speaker Vos and the Chair of the Labor Committee detailing their concerns and expectations.

“Allowing for public input is not just about checking off a box – it is about carefully listening to the people of our state as we deliberate the merits of this bill and consider any potential changes,” Rep. Mason added. “This bill is incredibly divisive and damaging and at a very minimum we owe it to the citizens of Wisconsin to hear their voices.”

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In the Senate hearing, opposition to the “Right to Work” bill was overwhelming – with people registered against the Right to Work Bill outnumbering those in favor by 70 to 1.

“Assembly Democrats are united in our opposition to this harmful bill and we hope to play an important role of protecting the role of Wisconsin citizens in our state government process,” **Rep . Ohnstad added**

. “Given the suspicious timing, we also believe it’s important for the Governor to make clear to the people of Wisconsin why he changed his mind about RTW and the importance of private-sector unions to our state’s economic growth.”

Gov. Walker is trying to distract Wisconsin from his harmful budget by pushing Right to Work. SB 44 is an attack on the middle class and it takes freedom away from workers and private businesses, including 400 contractors and companies who have implored the governor not to force this issue on them.