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Passage of so-called "Right to Work" Bill will Drive Down Wages, Further Harm Middle Class and Small Businesses.

MADISON - The Republican controlled Wisconsin State Assembly passed the so-called 'Right to Work' bill this morning. Governor Scott Walker is expected to sign the bill into law next Monday.

Assembly Democratic Leader Peter Barca (D-Kenosha) released the following statement:

"There are so many reasons why 'Right to Work' is wrong for Wisconsin. It will drive down wages and hurt our middle class and small businesses. It will interfere with private-sector business practices. It will put our state's great training programs at risk.



"It is clear that it will not have any positive economic impact on our state. In fact, according to Marquette University economics professor Chowdhury this bill will take \$3.89 billion a year out of Wisconsin's economy.

"At a time when Wisconsin families need higher wages and more economic opportunity, our workers instead will suffer at the hands of this cynical political maneuver that puts right-wing special interests and Gov. Walker's political ambitions above the people and businesses of Wisconsin.

"This is a very destructive bill for the middle class and small business that is an example of right-wing extremism on steroids.

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"Passing this bill is a sad and outrageous statement on the state of our politics in Wisconsin – where a destructive bill that undoes 75 years of labor peace is rammed through in less than two weeks."