

Barca Calls for Special Session to Spur New Jobs

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Report shows Wisconsin last among 50 states in startups again. New jobs and economic growth needed.

MADISON - Assembly Democratic Leader **Peter Barca** (D-Kenosha) issued the following statement Thursday on the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation report placing Wisconsin 50th among 50 states in startup activity for the third year in a row:



“This is nothing new. For years, we’ve been trailing the rest of the country in entrepreneurship. This trend must end. We need to invest in our world-class universities -- keys to the creation of new ideas and invention. We need to focus on workforce development and attracting investors to our state. Instead, we’ve had six years of Republican policies that have hurt Wisconsin families and slowed job growth.

“I’m calling for a special legislative session to find meaningful solutions to the lack of entrepreneurship in our state. As a WEDC board member, I’m also asking that we address this at our next meeting. New businesses and innovation are crucial to our economy and the future of our state. Our current policies are simply not working.”