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Wanggaard Statement on Petition Submission

Wanggaard to Continue Focus on Job Creation, Improving Education

“As union bosses have threatened for a year, today they start the do-over of their loss in the November 2010 elections. Their message is simple – put their anti-taxpayer, anti-job growth agenda back into power.

“The people of Racine and Wisconsin are tired of being divided, angry at the political fighting and frustrated with Madison. That is part of the reason I ran for the State Senate 15 months ago, and after being in the Capitol for a year, I still join them in their disappointment and frustration. That’s why I’ve worked across the aisle to pass legislation that improves the jobs climate in the state, expands educational opportunities and protects southeastern Wisconsin’s most needy individuals.

“Wisconsin must work together to grow our economy and bring jobs back. Recalls and further division do nothing to show job creators that Wisconsin has a stable business environment and continues to poison the well of politics.

“My number one job today is the same as it was last week, last month and last year – putting people back to work and growing our economy. While others have been focusing on politics and trying to overturn elections, I have been trying to grow our economy and fulfilling my campaign promises.

“When the people of Racine look to our accomplishments, my record, and the facts instead of the rhetoric, lies and half-truths, Racinians will see a Senator they can be proud of. The budget is balanced without raising taxes. Racine’s unemployment rate is almost 2 points lower than a year ago. But it’s still too high – there is more work to be done.

“This recall election will be about choices. If the recallers are upset about paying a small portion of their healthcare and pension – less than private sector employees - they should say which teacher, which police officer and which fire fighter they would lay off. That was the budget solution in New York and California – and in Milwaukee and Kenosha schools. If they are upset about spending cuts they should say which tax they would increase by \$1 billion. That was the budget solution in Illinois and the Democrats solution in Wisconsin last session.

“The union bosses are playing into the politics of negativity and fear of the unknown. No matter their attacks, lies and name-calling, I will continue to focus on my efforts to help Wisconsin create and retain good-paying jobs and the politics of moving Wisconsin forward.”

Van Wanggaard was elected to Wisconsin’s 21st State Senate District in November of 2010. The 21st Senate District is comprised of all of Racine County with the exception of Waterford and Burlington.

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