

Rep. Subeck: Poverty report highlights need for well-paying jobs; critical role of safety net programs in reducing poverty

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MADISON – Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) issued the following statement regarding the annual Wisconsin Poverty Report issued today by WISCAP and the UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty.

“The report released today highlights the critical role safety net programs like FoodShare, affordable housing programs, and Energy Assistance play in keeping people – especially families with children, the elderly, and disabled individuals – out of poverty.

Far too many Wisconsinites go to work every day but still struggle to feed their children and keep a roof over their families’ heads. This is why Republican cuts and new barriers to accessing these safety net programs are so devastating.

To combat poverty and reduce dependence on government assistance, it is time to make work pay by ensuring every Wisconsin worker earns a living wage. Nobody who works hard should have to be poor.”