

# Weekly Democratic Radio Address: Celebrating workforce development month in Wisconsin

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Hello, this is Representative Jill Billings with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

Earlier this month, Governor Tony Evers proclaimed September as Workforce Development Month in Wisconsin.

Wisconsinites have never been afraid to roll up our sleeves, put in the hours, and get the job done.

And, our state has a tradition of developing our workforce and honoring those who live and work here.

In 1911, Wisconsin established the first modern apprenticeship law.

That same year, Wisconsin created the nation's first Worker's Compensation program, which guaranteed injury compensation as a legal right.

And in 1945, Wisconsin prohibited employment discrimination on the basis of creed, color, national origin, or ancestry.

Democrats are committed to continuing this tradition of workforce development, and we will be forward-thinking in our efforts to build a Wisconsin that we are all proud of.

This means focusing on workers – but also on the things that make a state an attractive place to live like strong public schools, pristine natural resources, and affordable health care.

I thank Governor Evers and Secretary Caleb Frostman for their efforts to support our workers this month and every month.

So this September, let's celebrate the advances we've made over the years while understanding there is much more work to be done.

And together we can build a Wisconsin that works for all of us.

Thank you.