

Weekly GOP radio address: Sen. Felzkowski talks about increasing offender employment opportunities

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Hi, I'm State Senator Mary Felzkowski of Wisconsin's 12th Senate District. Today, I'd like to tell you a little bit about a Study Committee that I'm chairing this fall on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities.

Our committee is tasked with reviewing barriers to employment for formerly incarcerated individuals working to re-integrate back into society. Our focus is on expanding connections between private employers and potential employees who are incarcerated or on extended supervision, exploring workforce-ready skills training and educational programs, and evaluating other ways to improve job prospects. A successful transition period back into society is key to an effective re-entry, and can dramatically lower the odds of recidivism.

Making sure our formerly incarcerated Wisconsinites have the tools they need to become law-abiding, productive members of society benefits everyone. Individuals who are gainfully employed can move beyond their criminal pasts, making our streets and communities safer.