

Rep. Steil: Leads bipartisan field hearing on pathways to opportunity in Kenosha

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KENOSHA, WI— Today, Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01), Ranking Member on the Select Committee on the Economy, led a bipartisan field hearing in Kenosha, WI focused on education paths that allow workers to enter, re-enter, and remain in the workforce.

“Kenosha is a resilient city. Throughout Kenosha’s history, we’ve seen good times and we’ve seen hard times, but we always come back stronger. Because of the hardworking people that call this area home, Kenosha and Southeast Wisconsin have become a hub for family-sustaining jobs and preparing workers for the future. I want to thank Chairman Himes and Congresswoman Gwen Moore for coming to Kenosha for this hearing where we heard about the various pathways to prosperity in our community. I look forward to continuing to work with community leaders in Wisconsin to support families and strengthen our economy.”

Background:

The Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, led by Chairman Jim Himes (D-CT) and Ranking Member Bryan Steil (R-WI) have conducted field hearings across the United States. Most recently, the Select Committee traveled to San Francisco, CA and Lorrain, OH.

During the field hearing in Kenosha, WI, members on the Select Committee heard

from witnesses on what effective solutions in Southeast Wisconsin are in place to help workers find family-sustaining jobs. The Select Committee examined several approaches to prepare workers for the rapidly changing economy, such as soft skills learning, career and technical education, college degrees, and certificate programs.

Witnesses at the hearing included:

- Dr. Debbie Ford, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- Dr. Brian Albrecht, President Gateway Technical College
- Mr. Diego Ruiz, Vice President Global Government Relations, SC Johnson
- Sherry Carrion, Gateway Technical College Graduate
- Lindsey Blumer, President and ECO of WRTP/Big Step, a local nonprofit that helps with workforce development

To watch a live stream of the hearing, click [here](#).