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## **Rep. Robyn Vining Wants Wisconsin to Go Big for Small Business**

MADISON - Today, State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) and State Senator Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) introduced a bill to create an online portal for Wisconsinites to access information related to starting, maintaining, and growing a small business. This website is aimed to be a “one-stop shop” for anyone in Wisconsin who has an interest in creating a new business, and for current business owners who want a more streamlined process with state agencies. Rep. Vining released the following statement in regards to this legislation:

“As a small business owner, and from my conversations in the community about the difficulties small business owners face, I understand what it takes to start and run your own business from the ground up. Right now, the state has different resources to make it easier for business owners, but the information is spread out. This bill creates a one-stop shop for all the information a business owner needs.

“In 2016, 99.4% of businesses in Wisconsin were small businesses. All net new jobs that year were from small business. Over 30,000 net new jobs were created by small businesses, and 63% of these jobs were created by companies with less than 20 employees. These businesses are the backbone of our communities and the future of our economy.

“From the dedicated entrepreneur in the Driftless Region to the nursing mother at home juggling a new business during naptime in their Wauwatosa bungalow, everyone deserves a chance to follow their dreams -- or even earn some extra cash to pay for diapers. Let’s go big for small business!”

*Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining’s website [here](#).*

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