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## **Rep. Dittrich, GOP Legislators Highlight Small Business Struggles**

*Declare ALL Workers Are Essential*

**Oconomowoc** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) will join fellow GOP legislators at a press conference today, highlighting business owners from southeast Wisconsin as they share their struggles with the extended timeline in opening our state.

“I have repeatedly maintained during this situation, I find a continued lockdown for constituents and businesses to be problematic. The longer we delay reopening, the larger financial crisis we create for individuals in this state, including workers and small business owners. I believe that businesses and vulnerable populations have every incentive to take the proper precautions to stay safe in this outbreak without continued government overreach. Clearly, the governor has pushed beyond his limits to extend emergency order a month beyond its original date,” stated Rep. Dittrich.

The event will be led by business owners, allowing them to share their first-hand with the overreach of the emergency order extension. A faith leader will also address how this is impacting the faith community. Speakers will highlight the measures they are taking to safely reopen.

“These business owners are frustrated with how long the process is taking. They are watching their life’s work vaporize in front of them. Our businesses and congregations will continue to struggle if a regional reopening plan is implemented. We must not pick winners and losers. We all want people to remain safe while maintaining a proportionate government response to the actual illness. At some point what was meant to stop the medical system from becoming overwhelmed has morphed into statistically unsupported missteps that are exacerbating the economic and social impact of this dilemma,” concluded Rep. Dittrich.

**WHAT:** Small Business Owners Share Struggles with Shutdown; Declare ALL Workers Essential

**WHERE:** Village Bowl, N86W18330 Main Street, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

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