June 1, 2021

**TALKING POINTS & MESSAGING** 

## **Getting Wisconsin Back to Work**

- Wisconsin's Republican <u>congressional delegation</u> sent a <u>letter</u> to Tony Evers asking him to get government out of the way of allowing small businesses to return to normalcy.
- Local business owners and 50 <u>Chambers of Commerce</u> from across the state have also called on Tony Evers to get unemployed Wisconsinites off of the sidelines as businesses continue to suffer from labor shortages.
  - They have asked Tony Evers to join the <u>21 other governors</u> who have opted out of the additional <u>\$300 weekly</u> federal unemployment benefit.
  - These benefits are stifling small businesses' ability to fill job vacancies and fully recover from the impact of COVID-19.
  - Businesses now have to compete with unemployment benefits. Stopping the payments will incentivize Wisconsinites to reenter the workforce and curb the labor shortage.
- Despite small business owners' cries for help, Tony Evers is <u>threatening</u> to make their problems worse.
  - Evers did enough damage with his costly lockdowns that hit Main Street the hardest. It's time for him to do what's right and help local economies recover.
  - According to the <u>Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty</u>, up to 11 percent of Wisconsin's workforce can make more on unemployment than the private sector.
  - After Tony Evers kept businesses locked down during the onset of the pandemic, it is his responsibility to ensure that Wisconsin businesses are able to return to normalcy.