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Jobs and Economy Remain Focus of Race for 15th Senate District

15th Senate District candidate Rick Richard of Janesville issued the following statement on Senator Judy Robson's decision not to seek reelection

"I would like to thank Senator Robson for her many years of service. I wish her well in her future endeavors.

Her decision not to seek reelection does not change how I will campaign for the 15th Senate District seat. I will continue to meet thousands of voters at their front doors, listen to their concerns, and offer them a vision that will bring desperately needed jobs and industry back to the Rock County and Whitewater region. No matter who enters the race, the issues on our minds are jobs, taxes and the economy.

As a small-business owner, I understand how recent tax increases exceeding \$5 billion in the last state budget put Wisconsin at a competitive disadvantage. I've been listening to local manufacturers, small businesses, and unemployed workers. They want every state elected official to make job creation his or her top priority, not just pay it lip service.

The urgency of the unemployment crisis in the Rock County and Whitewater area cannot be overstated. We are nearing Great Depression jobless numbers without new jobs in sight for our skilled workforce. My focus will be on retaining current employers, encouraging their expansion locally, restoring a positive business climate in Wisconsin and taking a hands-on approach in recruiting new job providers to our communities.

We must undo the damage caused by last year's jobs-killing state budget and bring fiscal sanity back to the Legislature. We need less attention in Madison on finding ways to spend our prosperity; instead we need public servants with the consistent priority of adding family supporting jobs to our region."

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