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Mayor Barrett's Workforce Development Efforts will Address Needs for Worker Training and Skills for Milwaukee

Secretary Roberta Gassman
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I am very pleased to see Mayor Barrett's leadership in recognizing the importance of workforce development in the future health and vitality of Milwaukee. I know that community, business, economic and workforce development leaders throughout Milwaukee believe we must do everything possible to ensure that workers have skills for good paying jobs and that employers can find well-trained workers to fill those jobs.

Governor Doyle has asked me to work with Mayor Barrett on his important proposal for a city-led workforce development board. I know such boards are very common in most other large American cities and I look forward to talking with the Mayor and other Milwaukee area leaders on this important issue. Development of the city's workforce is crucial for regional economic growth and the city's future prosperity.

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