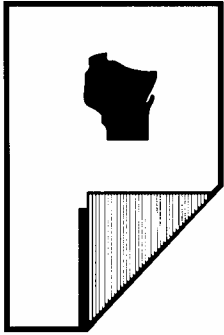


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Wisconsin Paper Council Endorses Job Creation Act ***Paper industry urges rapid action on regulation reform***

NEENAH – The Wisconsin Paper Council endorses sweeping regulatory reform aimed at helping create jobs in Wisconsin.

The Job Creation Act of 2003, introduced in the legislature today, proposes substantial regulatory reform.

“The paper industry in Wisconsin is the most highly regulated manufacturing industry. For months, we have been calling on the state government to reform its regulatory process,” said Patrick Schillinger, president of the Wisconsin Paper Council. “Today’s action provides for substantial regulatory reform and we wholeheartedly support this initiative,” he said.

“This initiative balances Wisconsin’s commitment to environmental stewardship with meaningful regulatory process reform,” Schillinger said.

Schillinger praised the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer and Assembly Speaker John Gard for their bold action on this initiative.

“We ask for the legislature’s swift adoption of this reform package,” Schillinger said.

The Wisconsin Paper Council is the trade association for the pulp, paper and allied industries in Wisconsin.

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