(Washington, DC)— United States Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) today made the following statement after her vote against a $15 billion bill that would give tax credits to businesses for new employees in an attempt to spur hiring:

“I’ve talked with employers and small business owners in Milwaukee, and they resoundingly told me that the tax credits in this bill will not help them hire new people. What they need are customers – customers with money to spend. And customers need jobs.

“Job creating legislation needs to be targeted to areas with persistent unemployment like we have in Milwaukee, and I’ve been advocating to make sure that we focus on the areas that need it most. This bill does exactly the opposite.

“I am working with my colleagues to make sure that no one forgets about the folks in communities where unemployment is more than double the national average.

“A jobs bill needs to actually create jobs.”

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