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Missouri at Work

Economic Development Continues

When I was elected to the Missouri State Senate in 2004, my fellow lawmakers and I made it a top priority to make improvements to Missouri's economy. Our efforts to overhaul workers' compensation laws, economic development programs and limit lawsuit awards are just a few examples of the reforms we accomplished. I am pleased to announce that we have made great progress in our economy through these initiatives, and we are continuing to work to increase job and economic growth in our state.

The U.S. Department of Labor released a report in March which reflected this work as well as the dedication of Missouri's citizens. According to the report, there have been 93,300 new jobs created in Missouri since January 2005. Last month alone in Missouri, our economy added 10,800 jobs representing the third largest monthly increase since 1999. The state is also sending \$12.8 billion in exports to 191 countries. And our unemployment rate in Missouri is under 4.6 percent, the lowest it has been in the past six years. The counties that I represent mirror our states' economic growth. We have experienced



tremendous job growth and a reduction in unemployment rates in the last two years.

These statistics are created by hard-working employers and workers who are dedicated to supporting their families and building a better Missouri. As lawmakers, it is our responsibility to lay the best foundation to encourage economic growth. We are continuing our efforts by

working to pass legislation that does just this by encouraging companies to participate in the Missouri Quality Jobs Act, which offers incentives to companies that increase their workforce. The bill also continues the New Jobs Training Program and further develops the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program, both of which reward job growth and economic development.

Missouri's economy is clearly on the right track. Through a combination of factors including legislative changes, new initiatives and hard work from fellow Missourians we are creating a new environment conducive to job creation from employers and entrepreneurs across the state. By making pro-job, pro-growth policies a top priority we have created opportunities for family supporting jobs for working families.

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Senator Crowell and Governor Blunt are pictured with Cape Girardeau community leaders on their recent selection as a DREAM Initiative City. The DREAM Initiative will help communities more efficiently and effectively engage in downtown redevelopment and revitalization efforts.

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at:

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