Winona, MN – Today, Representative Walz toured United Machine & Foundry (UMF) to hear first hand from business leaders about their ideas for growing our economy.

“Our local small businesses power our economic engine and as we move forward with our economic recovery, we have to make sure they have the tools they need to succeed,” said Rep. Walz. “I am here today to get input from UMF and to hear their ideas for revitalizing our economy and creating jobs. Some of the best ideas for how to move our economy forward are coming from right here in southern Minnesota.”

“We’re excited to have Rep. Walz here today to hear from us and see for himself how we are attempting to grow in a challenging economy,” said Tom Renk, UMF President.

Walz heard from UMF that rebuilding our roads and bridges is critical to long term growth. In addition to their work in helping repair our nation’s infrastructure, UMF also needs a safe, modern system of transportation to ship and receive goods.

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