



# Local Regulations Harm Real People

Thanks to government intervention, it's easier to receive welfare than it is to find work.



**Haymond**  
39 YEARS OLD

Earning roughly \$1,000 per week before Lyft & Uber were run out of Austin.

The primary breadwinner for his family, Haymond began driving for Lyft in order to support himself, his chronically ill wife, and his four children. With Lyft, Haymond was able to work up to 50 hours/week on his own schedule, allowing him to stop relying on government assistance. **Unfortunately, government overreach in Austin, Texas forced Uber and Lyft out of the city. Haymond's job is now gone.**



**Kevin**  
67 YEARS OLD

Prevented from becoming a painter because of government regulations.

After serving as a New York City police officer for 20 years, including during 9/11, Kevin retired to Florida. In New York, Kevin had moonlighted as a residential painter on nights and weekends to support his wife and children. After retiring, he planned to paint in Florida, but local licensing restrictions made it all but impossible for new painters to get licensed in one of the fastest growing parts of the country. **Kevin says it was easier to get his concealed carry permit in Florida than it was to become a residential painter.**

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE

**\$500,000**

spent to enforce licensing rules

**\$425**

including a \$55 "weights and measures license" to sell goods at the farmer's market

**\$250**

for a handyman license

**\$100**

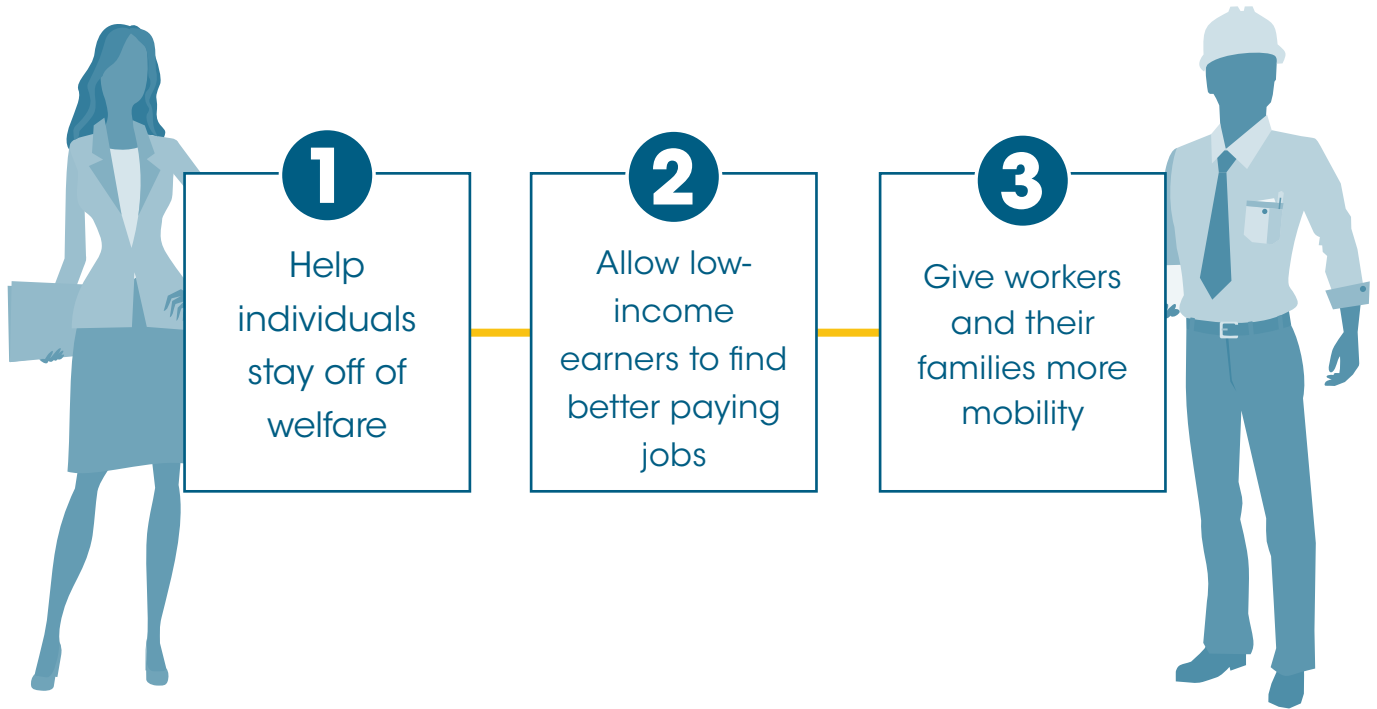
to earn an income taking pictures

In 2016, Wisconsin Assemblyman Dale Kooyenga saw how hard it was for many people in his district to work when the City of Milwaukee regulated more than 40 occupations, including photographers, jukebox distributors, and more. He passed legislation preventing local governments from creating new licenses, causing some to reconsider whether many existing licenses were necessary at all.



# Rebuild Opportunity

## UNLEASH THE FREEDOM TO PROSPER



You can bring the Freedom to Prosper to your state.

**HERE'S HOW:**



**Stop** local governments from creating new occupational licenses

**Limit** the fees local governments can charge for existing licenses



**Waive** licensing fees for low-income households and those on government assistance