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Rep. Kitchens provides statement on state budget

MADISON, Wis – Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding Gov. Tony Evers signing into law the bipartisan-supported state budget that was written by the state Legislature:

“I am pleased that the governor decided to sign the 2021-2023 state budget. The governor’s original budget proposal would have increased taxes by more than \$1 billion and spending by 10 percent. Instead, the budget passed by the state Legislature cuts taxes by nearly \$3.4 billion. Because these tax cuts primarily target the middle class, the average Wisconsin family can expect to see \$1,200 in income and property tax relief. In this time of immense economic uncertainty, I believe these historic tax cuts will help Wisconsin families and businesses get back on their feet.

“While the 2021-2023 state budget reduces the financial burden on taxpayers, it also increases investments in education, long-term care and infrastructure. Furthermore, the Legislature’s bipartisan budget provides more than \$130 million for the State Highway Program and \$100 million for the Local Road Improvement Program.

“In addition to returning billions of dollars to taxpayers, this budget also invests in the priorities of Wisconsinites, including long-term care and infrastructure. I am proud to have supported this budget and I am glad that the governor signed it.”