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“Returning Your Surplus” Proposal Clears the Assembly *\$2.9 billion middle-class and retiree tax-cut now moves to the Senate*

Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed the “Returning Your Surplus” proposal. The plan is estimated to cut the state’s income tax burden by over \$2.9 billion with the average filer saving \$772. State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) is the lead author of the bill, which will deliver targeted relief to Wisconsin’s retirees and middle-class.

“Today’s vote recognizes the financial strain on Wisconsinites and creates an action plan to *do* something about it. High taxes and high inflation have made affording daily life a genuine struggle in our state. As the stewards of taxpayer dollars, we cannot sit idly as residents continue to be overtaxed while at the same time our state’s bank account continues to balloon to historic highs. This money belongs to the taxpayers and must be returned—now more than ever,” said Rep. Steffen.

The proposal will create a Tax-Free Retirement in Wisconsin by exempting up to \$150,000 in retirement account income for joint filers, a concept that was met with positive, bipartisan support earlier this session. Additionally, the bill provides targeted relief for middle-class families by reducing the middle-income tax rate from the current 5.3% to 4.4%.

Earlier this month, the bill was passed out of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on a bipartisan vote. Three Democrats voted against the bill in committee, citing sustainability concerns.

“The proof is in the numbers. A historic look at Wisconsin’s growth demonstrates the sustainability of this tax-cut. Our tax revenue continues to grow—and so does our state surplus. The only thing that’s unsustainable here is the overzealous tax-burden weighing down on our residents,” said Rep. Steffen.

The bill passed out of the Assembly by a vote of 64 to 35 and will now move to the Senate for consideration.

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