



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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## OPEN LETTER

Dear Speaker Vos and Majority Leader Suder,

We write to you today to express our sincere concerns about the ongoing budget debate occurring in the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) and in the legislature as a whole. With the budget process nearing completion in the JFC and likely coming to the Assembly floor in the coming weeks, we believe now is the time to address our ongoing concerns in a serious and substantive manner. With this in mind, we agree as a group that we cannot both represent our constituents and our conservative principles by supporting the budget in its current form. We in good conscience cannot support this budget unless the following issues are substantially addressed:

- Adoption of Rep. Dale Kooyenga's tax reform package and serious reforms to the "Marriage Penalty" tax.
- Complete and total removal of the "DNA Collection Upon Arrest" proposal.
- An overall reduction of \$500 million in bonding.
- Appropriations and tax reform done in a deficit neutral manner.
- Double dipping 2/3 FTE employee provision returns to the FTE employee definition as currently defined by the Department of Employee Trust Funds.

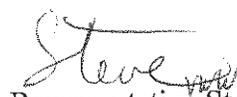
If you would like to discuss this matter further we would be happy to meet with you as a group and discuss our united concerns regarding this very important legislation.

While we appreciate the hard work that both of you and the JFC have put into this process, it is our sincere belief that these concerns at a minimum must be addressed to keep moving Wisconsin FORWARD.

Sincerely,

  
Representative David Craig

  
Representative Chris Kapenga

  
Representative Stephen Nass

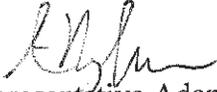
  
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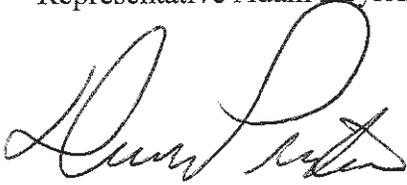
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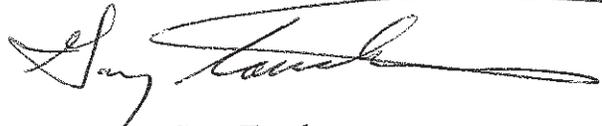
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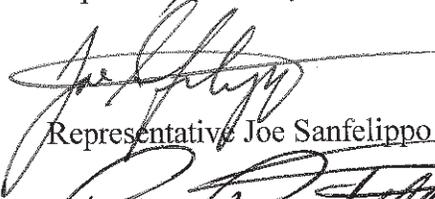
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