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Assembly Republicans Announce Historic Investment in Local Governments

Madison – Today, Representative Mark Born joined his Assembly colleagues, Mayor of Beaver Dam Becky Glewen, Mayor of Watertown Emily McFarland, and President of the Wisconsin Towns Association Jerry Derr for an announcement on historic new funding for local governments.

“We stand here today after months of working with colleagues and stakeholders to negotiate a plan that will make major investments in local governments of all sizes, while supporting a shared revenue system that funds our communities more sustainably and more fairly,” Rep. Born said.

The plan announced today would use 20% of sales tax revenue to fund local governments, who would see more than half a billion dollars in new revenue from the state. Every community would see at least a 10% increase in shared revenue. These funds would help local communities provide critical services like police and fire, EMS and transportation.

In addition, the plan designates \$300 million for a new Innovation Fund, which will provide a financial incentive for local governments to share services. The fund would provide a match for communities that create efficiencies through sharing services such as administration, IT, police and fire.

“Working together to find common solutions can be challenging, especially when the needs of communities throughout our state are so diverse,” Rep. Born added. “I am proud of the work that has gone into this legislation that will make a meaningful impact for communities in Wisconsin.”

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