



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**ROBERT BROOKS**



60<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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## **A Note from Rep. Brooks**

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Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to my 2015-2017 Spring Survey. My office received nine hundred survey responses, and a few more trickle in every week. It was a pleasure to hear from you; I very much appreciate and value your input. Constituent feedback is the essence of representative government. Furthermore, transparency with my constituency is a foremost priority and the spring survey affords me with the opportunity to better represent you, the residents of Wisconsin's 60th Assembly District.

This survey was an informal mechanism for ascertaining feedback from you, residents of Wisconsin's 60th Assembly District, on a wide variety of consequential issues. Please be cognizant that this was not a scientific, or randomly conducted survey. As such, the data contained in the following graphs are a close approximation based on the surveys returned to my office. Some people only answered a few questions, some completed the entire survey, and some wrote comments, especially if the options provided did not represent their views. Some constituents told me they thought the questions were biased, but my only purpose was to obtain feedback from you and foster interaction between us, so I contend that it served its purpose.

If you are interested in receiving paper copies of the survey results, feel free to contact my office. Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to complete the surveys and provide your feedback on what you consider to be the most salient public policy issues.

Those of you who ordered maps and other publications should have received them by now. If not, please let me know and my office will send another out to you. Please note that if you requested publications but did not provide your name and address, I was unable to send them to you.

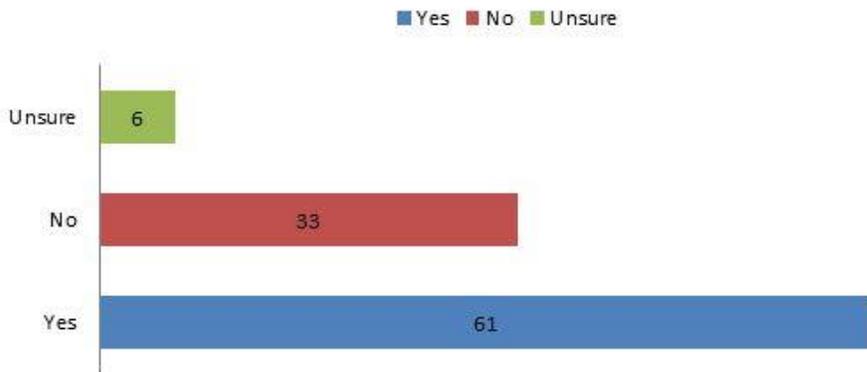
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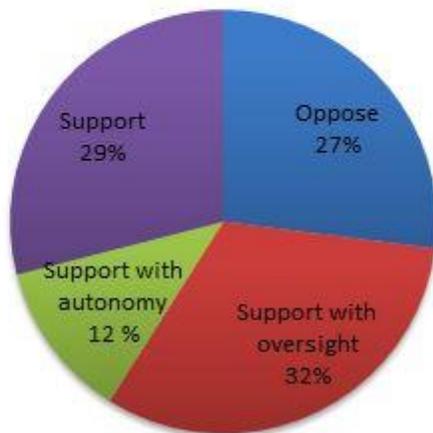
## **2015-2017 Spring Survey results**

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**Question One:  
Is Wisconsin headed in the Right Direction?**

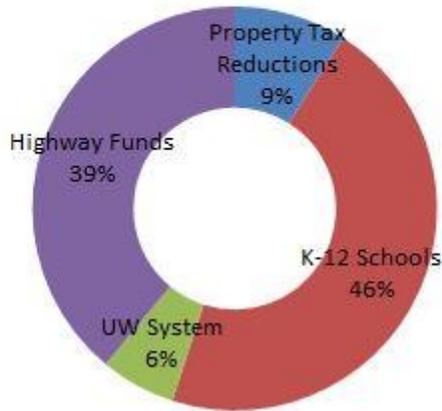


**Question Two:  
What best represents your position on the UW  
System budget cuts?**



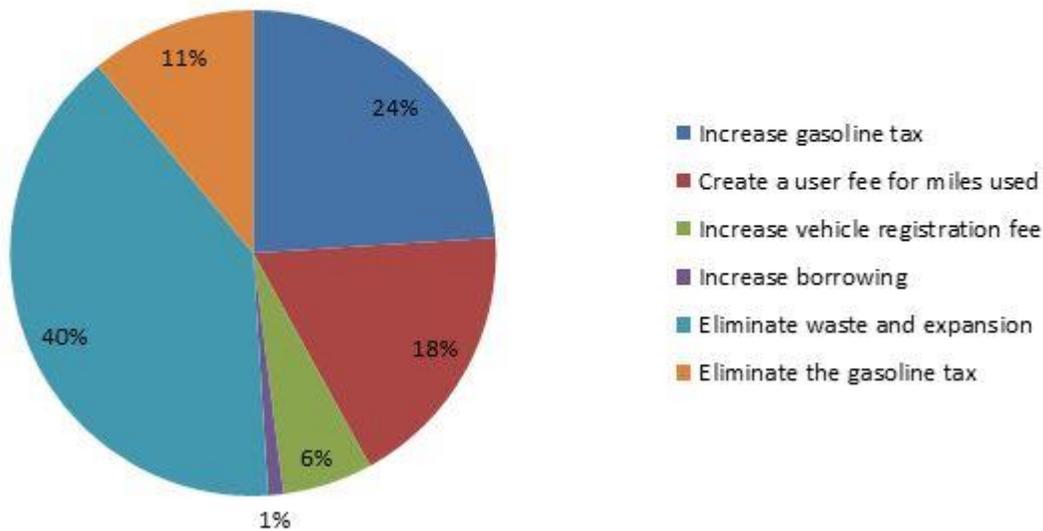
In the 2015-2017 biennial budget, Assembly Republicans froze UW System tuition for the next two years; created a number of flexibilities for UW System schools that will allow them to continue to grow, innovate and improve; and reduced taxpayer funding of the UW System and required utilization of reserve accounts without impacting operating budgets.

### Question Three: Where should additional revenue be spent?



As I have written many times, preservation of Wisconsin's reputation as a national leader in public education quality is one of my foremost priorities. I joined many of my Republican colleagues in voting for the 2015-2017 biennial budget, which: expanded statewide school choice; eliminated Common Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment; and restored investment in public education by \$200 million over the biennium.

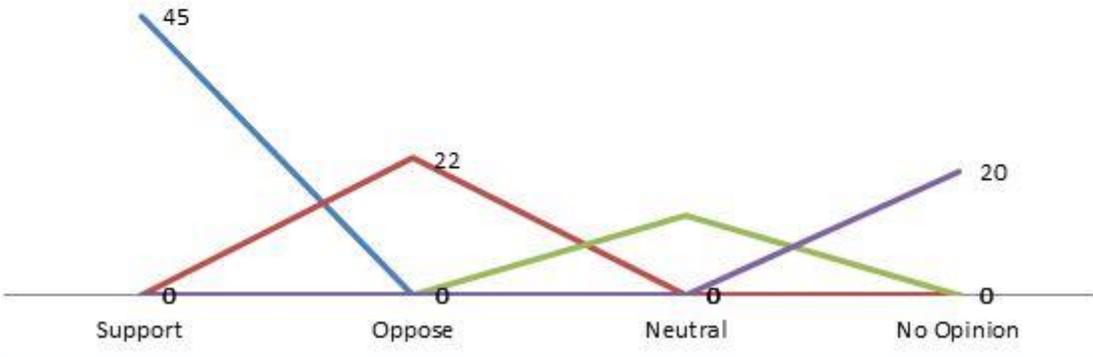
### Question Four: How should we deal with transportation?



I proudly joined my Assembly colleagues in voting to improve transportation in Wisconsin. The 2015-2017 biennial budget: reduced revenue bonds in the transportation budget by \$847,613,400; and reduced all transportation bonding by \$450 million, the lowest bonding levels in three decades.

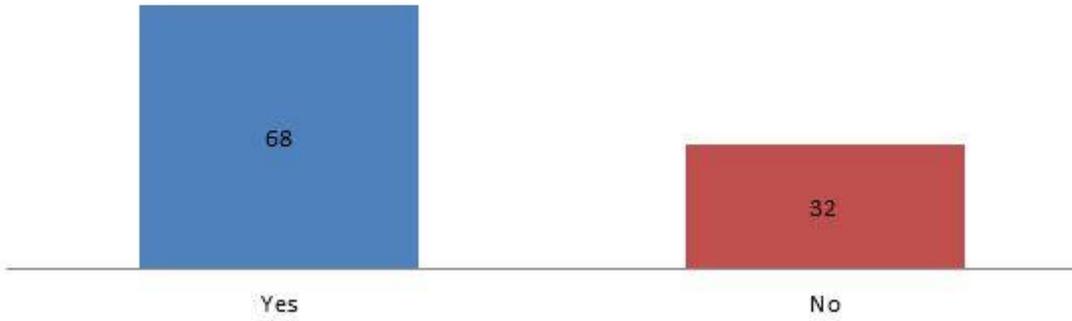
### Question Five: What your opinion of calling an Article V Convention for balancing the budget?

Support Oppose Neutral No Opinion



### Question Six: Should tax dollars be spent on a new Milwaukee Bucks arena?

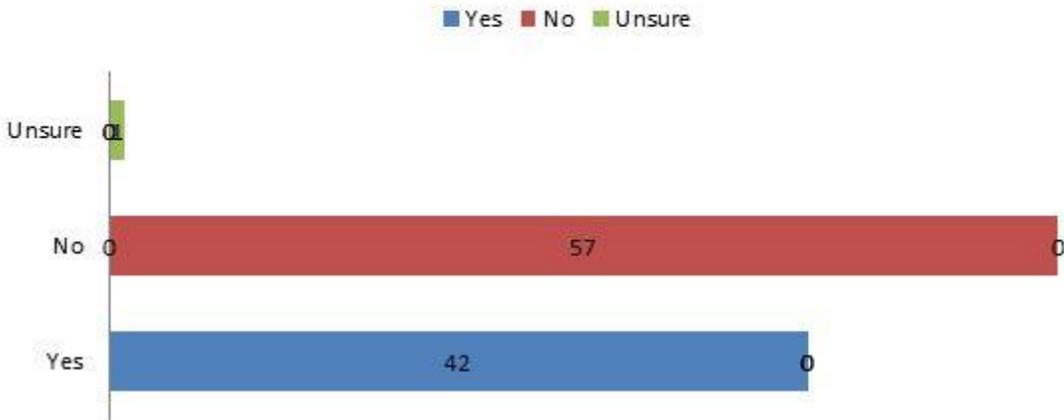
Yes No



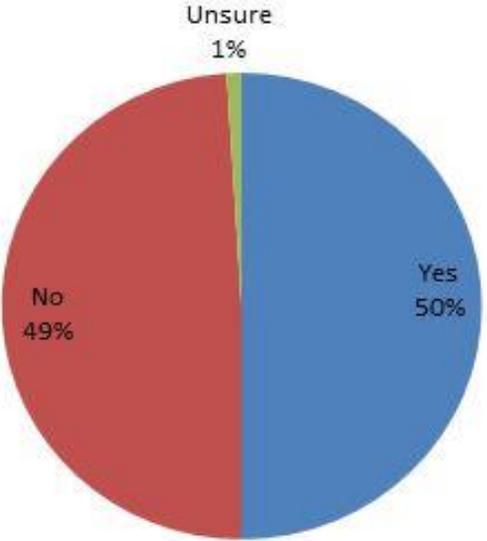
While I personally oppose using tax dollars to subsidize professional sports, we as a legislative body must take the state's current liability, as owners of the BMO Harris Bradley Center, into account when making a final decision. This proposal, I believed was a win-win for the State of Wisconsin, as it creates good-paying jobs, secures income tax revenues, fosters economic development, and finally, gets Wisconsin out of the professional sports business. Based on the income tax

revenue brought in by the salary of players--roughly \$6.5 million annually--and the precipitous reduction to the state's contribution, less than \$70 million, thanks to a ticket surcharge.

### Question Seven: Would you support returning to a system of public financing for campaigns?



### Question Eight: Would you be in favor of school choice expansion

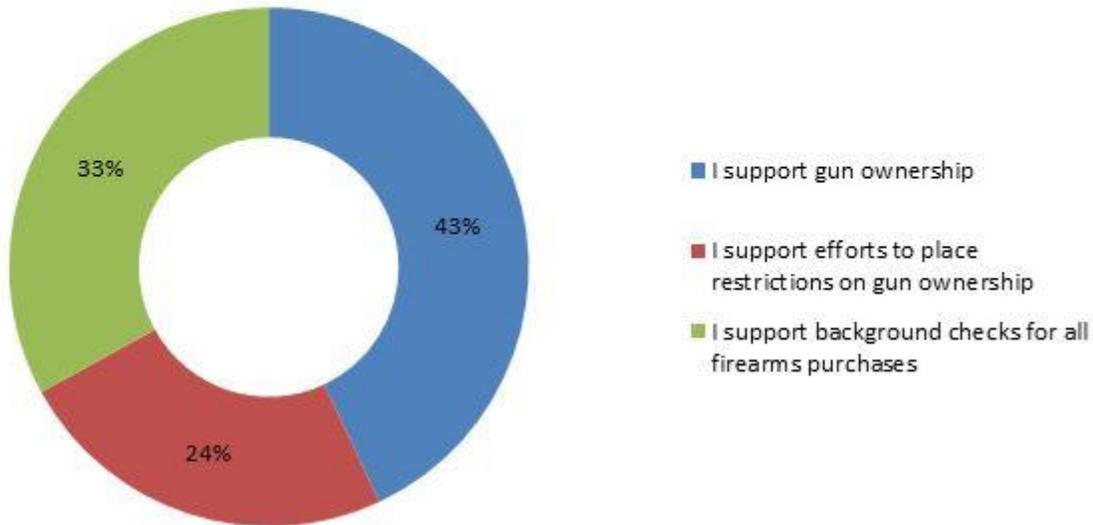


Last month, I voted to expand the statewide school choice program which employed an open enrollment model for the program, which is more fiscally sustainable. The statewide choice program would be limited to one percent of each district this biennium, increasing by one percent each year beginning in 2017-18 until reaching ten percent when the enrollment limit would be removed.

Chart Area

### Question Nine:

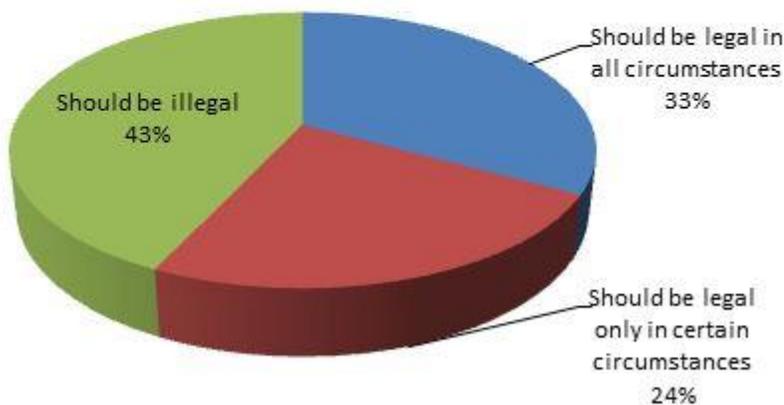
#### What is closest to your views on gun ownership?



This session, I supported legislation eliminating the forty-eight hour waiting period for the purchase of handguns; and allowing off-duty and retired law enforcement officials to carry concealed weapons in schools.

### Question 10:

#### Please choose which best represents your position on abortion



I supported legislation banning abortions after twenty weeks and recently signed on as a cosponsor to legislation authored by Rep. Andre Jacque, eliminating taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood.

Have a great week,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brooks". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "R" and a cursive "B" and "S".

As always, if you have any comments or thoughts regarding the subject of this E-update, please feel free to contact me.

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