Republican Giveaways Result in Low Revenue Numbers, Harsh Budget Cuts

MADISON – Today, the legislature’s nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau announced that Wisconsin will be seeing no increase in revenue collections due to sluggish economic growth. In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

“Republican legislators have been delaying accountability on this budget for months, as they relied on big plans and bigger promises for money that they didn’t have. Now this money won’t be materializing, and Republicans will have to explain to their constituents why. This is the third budget where Republicans have had full control of the budget process, and their fiscal mismanagement has led us down this reckless path.

“Republicans created this budget mess by voting for irresponsible corporate loopholes and tax giveaways to the wealthy. The Republican budget makes harsh cuts to our public schools and universities, yet still finds millions of taxpayer dollars for unaccountable private schools. By prioritizing corporations over school kids and campaign donations over their constituents, Republicans are selling out Wisconsin families in order to support the governor’s presidential ambitions.

“There is enough money in this budget to fund the people of Wisconsin’s priorities, like public education, our shared natural resources, and long-term care programs. Assembly Democrats will continue to champion a responsible budget that creates economic opportunity for everyone to succeed, invests in our children’s future, and helps working families get ahead.”

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