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Assembly Approves Responsible Budget, Prevailing Wage

Madison—Representative Mike Kuglitsch (R-New Berlin) released the following statement following after the Assembly approved the 2015-2016 budget:

“After months of deliberations and negotiations I am happy to see that a fiscally sound budget has been approved by both houses of the legislature. Republican legislators have restored funding for our schools, reduced bonding, held the line on taxes, and approved a measure to save money at the municipal level by reforming Wisconsin’s prevailing wage.”

“As a co-sponsor of the original legislation to repeal prevailing wage, I am happy to see that meaningful reform was added to the biennial budget. These reforms mean real savings for municipalities, and they provide another tool to our municipal leaders when crafting their budgets. Through these reforms we will be able to save millions in taxpayer dollars annually, eliminate burdensome regulations on businesses, and open the door for competitiveness in the marketplace.”

“Our state government should not be involved in setting wages for private companies. These inflated wages can increase the cost of public works projects by 20 percent in some cases. Moving forward, we will be able to fund more local projects, which in turn will create more jobs for smaller contractors across the state and fuel economic growth in the upcoming years.”

“As a parent and legislator, I understand the importance of education and I am pleased to see that Republican Legislators have restored funding levels for K-12 education. The budget calls for an additional \$196 million over the biennium, which will give our schools the necessary tools to properly educate students across the state. I am also proud to see that we have continued to freeze tuition for college students and increased access to the popular school choice program.”

“In these tough economic times, Republicans held the line on taxes and produced a fiscally sound budget that ensures Wisconsin lives within its means. Prior to taking office in 2011, our state saw numerous increases in taxes to fund irresponsible budgets and failing programs. Once again, I am happy to see that Republican legislators have worked diligently to make certain a fiscally sound and responsible budget is brought before Governor Scott Walker’s desk.”

“Since 2011, Republican legislators have saved billions of dollars through government reforms, gave back over 2 billion dollars in tax cuts and have reduced Wisconsin’s unemployment rate significantly to 4.4%. Republicans have continued this trend today by passing a budget that moves Wisconsin forward, and makes this state a better place for its hard working citizens.

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