

Wisconsin State Representative

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*Wisconsin  
Deserves a  
tax code that  
is fair, low,  
and simple.*

– Rep. John Macco

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of the 88th Assembly District,

The Wisconsin 2023-2024 Legislative Session is coming to a close! This has been a productive session in the Assembly, and I am proud of the victories I was able to deliver to you. Here is a quick summary of what I have achieved as your Representative this session:

- Handled over 1600 constituent contacts
- Repealed Personal Property Tax
- Successfully passed three budget initiatives:
  - \$1 million for shoreline restoration at the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery
  - Oneida Nation STEM camp funding
  - Grants to the National Estuarine Research Reserve System
- Delivered a substantial funding increase to all our local governments through shared revenue
- Passed legislation in the Assembly to expand the hiring pool for our local police departments to include all qualified candidates
- Introduced legislation to remove the barriers keeping DACA recipients from fully contributing to solving our workforce shortage.

The 88th Assembly District is blessed to have well-run cities, villages, and townships. Our economy continues to grow thanks to those hardworking communities and innovative businesses both small and large. We are investing more in K-12 education, lowering tax burdens, and ensuring our grandchildren will know prosperity. I am grateful to continue to serve as your Representative in Madison.

As your Representative I rely on your input, so please do not hesitate to communicate with me. I am more than happy to answer any questions or help you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of John Macco in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Representative John Macco  
88<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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## Revising Shared Revenue

Local government is where the rubber meets the road. The hardworking men and women in our municipal governments administer all the services we rely on in our daily lives, from law enforcement and emergency response to roads and utilities. However, because of an outdated shared revenue system, our communities have faced limited funding for these vital services. This session, the Legislature succeeded in updating shared revenue, delivering substantial funding increases for our municipalities. The towns and villages in the 88th Assembly District will receive an **average increase of 133% to their shared revenue.**

I am proud of the relationships I have established with our exceptional town and village boards. I know that this additional funding will translate into visible improvements in our communities.

## 2023-2024 Accomplishments and Highlights

### A Budget Made for Wisconsin

One of the most important pieces of legislation is the biennial State Budget. With the 2023-25 Wisconsin Budget, the Republican-led legislature continued to make fiscally responsible investments in the areas Wisconsinites need most.

I successfully delivered **\$1 million for shoreline restoration at the historic De Pere Greenwood Cemetery.** For years, I have helped the Cemetery navigate our state bureaucracies as they have worked to halt the erosion threatening to send graves falling into the Fox River. Work can now begin to protect grave sites and prevent an ecological disaster in our river.

When I sent out my Spring Budget Survey, the top priority you listed was improving our roads and bridges. Our budget invested **\$1.5 billion** for infrastructure projects, tens of millions of dollars more than Governor Evers had in his budget. This included funding to begin the long-awaited South Bridge Connector in Southern Brown County.

The second highest priority was economic development, so we invested over **\$1.4 billion** in workforce development programs. With millions of additional dollars going to our tech schools and youth apprenticeship programs, we are preparing Wisconsinites to enter the workforce in stable, productive careers.

### Ending Personal Property Tax

This session's budget surplus gave us an opportunity to make comprehensive reforms to our tax code. As part of the continuing effort to make our tax code fair, low, and simple we repealed the Personal Property Tax **in its entirety!** This ends a profound burden on Wisconsin businesses and job creators.

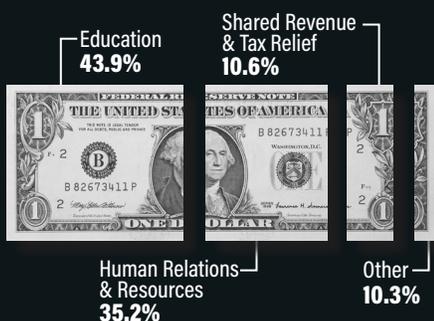
With decade's worth of carve-outs, this outdated, unnecessary tax was a burden on both the small businesses that paid it and the local governments collecting it. I am proud of the integral part I played to end it once and for all! Working hand in hand with Secretary Barca at the Department of Revenue, we were able to make this tax relief as comprehensive as possible while avoiding any potential legal challenges. Repealing this tax is an example of what we can accomplish when we reach across the aisle with a common commitment to common-sense reforms.

## 23-25 Budget

### Where each tax dollar comes from



### How each tax dollar was spent



## Ways and Means Committee

As Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, I am committed to Wisconsin having a tax code that is fair, low, and simple. This session we continued working towards this goal. Along with repealing Personal Property Tax, my committee passed multiple bills to channel Wisconsin's budget surplus **back to the taxpayers with meaningful tax relief**.

The Ways and Means Committee is one of the most productive in the Assembly. This session, we sent over 25 pieces of legislation to the floor on mostly unanimous votes. These critical reforms include:

- Expanding eligibility for the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit, helping veterans stay in their homes
- Creating tax exemptions for data processing centers, encouraging multi-million dollar investments like the one made by Microsoft at the Foxconn site this year
- Exempting retirement income from state taxes
- Updating the Business Development Tax Credit to ensure continued growth in an evolving business climate

## Across the 88th District

Being your State Representative is far more than a title. I have a fiduciary responsibility to serve as your voice and advance your interests. Whether I am touring a local business or meeting with local officials, I appreciate every opportunity I have to be in our community.

Throughout this session, I was able to tour businesses across the district. From industry leaders like Salm Partners to the local craftsmen at Jasper Guitar Company, innovation and creative use of technology are on full display. Small businesses are the cornerstone of Wisconsin's thriving economy, and I always appreciate seeing firsthand the quality goods and services provided in the 88th District.

The 88th is also home to amazing first responders. Every day, these brave men and women put their lives on the line to keep us safe. In October, I had the honor of recognizing Sergeant Michael Lubberda of the Green Bay Police Department as the 88th Assembly District's First Responder of the Year. Sgt. Lubberda has served our community for 15 years, mentoring new recruits and leading the SWAT Team.



*Representative Macco tours the facility at Jasper Guitar Company. Using advanced technology and locally-sourced materials, they build high-quality guitars right here in the 88th District.*

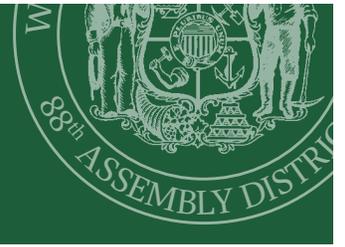


*Representative Macco presents Patrol Sergeant Lubberda with a resolution recognizing him as the 2023 First Responder of the Year for the 88th Assembly District.*



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## Unlocking Employment

As Wisconsin faces a shortage of workers across critical industries, finding ways to expand our workforce was a major priority this session. I realized that there is a way to increase our workforce without costing taxpayers a dime, and introduced the “Unlocking Employment” package. These **bipartisan** bills would remove barriers to DACA recipients fully participating in the Wisconsin workforce.

Under current law, DACA recipients cannot acquire a professional license, regardless of their qualifications. This means that Wisconsin is graduating nurses and tradespersons who then have to move to Illinois or Minnesota in order to work. Additionally, they are forbidden from receiving in-state tuition no matter how long they have lived in Wisconsin. By removing these barriers, this legislation gives DACA recipients the opportunity to work in a critical industries such as nursing or plumbing.

As a businessman, I know firsthand how difficult it is to find reliable employees. DACA recipients are a finite group of well-vetted, quality individuals who want to work here. Instead of forcing them to take their talents to other states, this package would allow DACA recipients to fully participate in moving their communities forward. I am continuing to work tirelessly through the very end to see these reforms become law.

