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HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Van Roy says increased aid will help low income families

Howard – As consumers prepare for a winter of record high home heating costs, State Representative Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) says Wisconsin will increase energy assistance aid. An additional \$10 million in energy assistance funding is set to help low income families heat their homes during the upcoming winter season.

“Every family in Wisconsin is going to feel the pinch this winter,” said Van Roy. “With increases upwards of 50% threatening already stretched pocket books, this aid will help our poorest families keep warm.”

Beginning in October, consumers may apply for Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) funds.

Applicants must bring the following items to the agencies in order to determine their eligibility:

- Proof of income for all household members 18 years or older for the past three months;
- Social Security cards for everyone in household;
- Current utility bill; and
- Rent certificate or statement from landlord indicating heat is included in the rent.

“A family of four whose household income is \$29,025 or less would qualify for the energy assistance,” said Van Roy.

Van Roy says services are provided locally through county social services, tribal governments and private non-profit or other government agencies.

Applicants seeking energy assistance can call 1-866-HEATWIS (866-432-8947) to find the appropriate agency nearest to them.

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