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### **REPRESENTATIVE DOYLE DISSAPOINTED IN LACKLUSTER BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

Today, the Wisconsin Assembly passed a lackluster budget and rushed through a bill to repeal the personal property tax which left more questions than answers. Representative Doyle had the following to say:

“Today I voted yes on a budget and yes on a repeal of the personal property tax. The state budget is the most important thing we do every legislative session, and I have been working for the last decade to repeal the personal property tax. Today should be a day of celebration. Unfortunately, neither vote has me particularly excited.

My colleagues and I were handed an unprecedented tax surplus. Unprecedented. And instead of turning around and making serious investments into our priorities we took that money and largely left it alone. Is this budget better than throwing the money away? Yes. But could it have been so much better? Yes. We should have made substantial investments in our education system. We should have made significant investments in our crumbling roads and bridges. And we should have made sizable investments in our health care industry. Unfortunately, instead of taking our responsibility seriously and passing meaningful investments in our priorities we have nibbled around the edges.

With the unprecedented tax surplus, I was heartened to see the complete and total repeal of the personal property tax in front of us. This outdated tax has largely gone by the wayside across the country, and it is time Wisconsin join our neighbors in repealing it. Unfortunately, because this bill was rushed, details were missed. This is an important policy change that I could not be more supportive of, but because details were missed, multiple last minute amendments were needed, and it is unclear what will eventually become of this repeal. With our unprecedented revenue, now is the perfect time to do this big thing right. And again, just like the budget, we’ve not taken our responsibility seriously.

I am glad to have voted for a budget that makes minor improvements to our state. And I am incredibly proud to be part of the elimination of the personal property tax. I hope the budget investments will be enough to get us once and for all out of this crisis. And I hope we will not be dragged back to the floor in a few weeks because the personal property tax repeal was so rushed it will need to be fixed.”

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