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## **Rep. Steffen Releases Legislation to Return Excess Lambeau Field Sales Tax** *Proposal Returns Millions of Dollars to Brown County Taxpayers*

**Madison-** Today, Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) released legislation that would return millions of dollars in excess sales tax revenue associated with Lambeau Field back to the taxpayers of Brown County. The bill is currently being circulated to gain co-sponsorship support among legislators in the State Assembly and Senate this week. Rep. John Macco (R-Ledgeview) and Sen. Rob Cowles (R-Green Bay) are co-authoring the legislation.

During a press conference last month, Rep. Steffen unveiled framework for his proposal, which will return the excess sales tax to Brown County and its political subdivisions based on population. In 2000, the 0.5% sales tax referendum was enacted for the purposes of redeveloping and maintaining Lambeau Field. In March 2015, the project's bonds were paid and the maintenance fund was satisfied, however the sales tax will continue to be collected through September 30, 2015. This bill will ensure that all excess, unencumbered revenue will be returned to Brown County and its municipalities.

“The goal of the sales tax, to upgrade and upkeep Lambeau Field, has been fulfilled, and now it is my priority to return the excess revenue back to our taxpayers in the most timely and efficient way possible. Brown County residents took the lead role in supporting the stadium, and I want to make certain that any revenue collected beyond the scope of the tax's original intent is protected and returned to its rightful owners, Brown County taxpayers,” said Rep. Steffen.

The bill also details how the returned revenue can be spent. Qualifying uses include property tax relief, tax levy supported debt relief, and economic development. Municipalities will also be required to adopt a resolution detailing how funds will be spent.

“After speaking with local elected officials, constituents, and stakeholders, the bill I have crafted addresses how to *responsibly* return these excess dollars in a manner that will maximize the benefits to taxpayers,” said Rep. Steffen.

*Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes Ashwaubenon, Allouez, and portions of Howard and Green Bay.*