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Rep. Andraca Introduces Bill to Cut Taxes for Retired Frontline Workers

MADISON, Wis. -- Law enforcement officers, firefighters, forest rangers, conservation workers and other state, county and municipal employees who dedicate their lives to serving our communities deserve to retire with dignity and security. Today, Representative Deb Andraca (D-Whitefish Bay) introduced LRB 5707/1, a bill that would provide a state tax exemption for the pension payments these workers receive from the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS).

"Our first responders and frontline workers take great care of all of us, and we have an opportunity to thank them and help them enjoy their retirement years," said Rep. Andraca. "This legislation recognizes the importance of these professions and creates a valuable recruitment and retention incentive for those considering a career in public service."

The tax exemption will apply to the portion of an individual's pension payment earned during service as a frontline worker or protective occupation participant. The bill provides a three year phase-in period, in which pensions will be incrementally tax exempt until 2027, when they would become 100 percent tax exempt.

This bill is part of the Building Economic Security Together (BEST) Package, policies that would ensure economic growth and personal security for Wisconsinites at every stage of life.

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