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## Rep. Tittl Supports Critical Investments using Federal Stimulus Dollars

Madison – Rep. Paul Tittl (R- Manitowoc) voted for a package of legislation that uses one-time federal stimulus dollars to make critical investments in Wisconsin. Assembly Republicans advanced 11 bills that help small businesses, the tourism industry and the state economy while providing aid to households, supporting long-term care facilities and investing in broadband expansion.

“These bills are a direct response to what I have been hearing from my constituents,” said Rep. Tittl. “My constituents want more access to mental health services and a strong economic recovery for the state. Wisconsinites don’t want one person deciding how money should be spent without any public input or debate.”

Assembly Republicans first unveiled their priorities earlier this month. The legislation utilizes the \$3.2 billion coming to Wisconsin from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and includes the following:

- **Aid to Households:** \$1 billion to provide a 10 percent payment to all property taxpayers
- **Small Business Assistance:** \$200 million for small business grants
- **Tourism Assistance:** \$50 million for tourism grants and \$25 million for advertising grants for amusement parks
- **Rural Economic Development & Farmer Assistance:** \$50 million for rural economic development grants and \$50 million for farmer support funds
- **Long-term Care Assistance:** \$150 million for grants for nursing homes and assisted living facilities and worker bonuses
- **Strengthen Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund:** Requires the use of recovery funds to keep UI taxes at lowest tax schedule
- **Local Road Funding:** \$308 million to give \$2 million per county and \$2,000 per road mile to cities, villages and towns for road improvements
- **Broadband Expansion:** \$500 million in broadband expansion grants
- **EMS and Mental Health:** \$68.2 million for EMS technology upgrades and a psychiatric hospital in Eau Claire
- **Debt Repayment:** \$250 million to pay down state debt and \$250 million to pay off transportation revenue bonds
- **Clean Water Investments:** \$61 million for water infrastructure projects

Rep. Tittl also supported the creation of a summer sales tax holiday for the hospitality industry and a resolution to ask the Wisconsin Attorney General to be part of a multi-state lawsuit challenging the Federal Tax Mandate that prevents states from reducing taxes for three years.

“Governor Evers can demonstrate that he listens to the representatives of the people of the state by entertaining these ideas that were brought forward with the input of our constituents,” said Rep. Tittl “I look forward to coming together as a state on these shared priorities that will help Wisconsin recover and become even stronger in the days and years ahead.”