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Representative Sheehan Introduces the Lowering Costs, Improving Lives Package to Help Wisconsin's Working Families

MADISON, Wis - Today, Legislative Democrats introduced the **Lowering Costs, Improving Lives package** to help working families across our state. The three-bill package would reduce the tax burden for low-income renters and homeowners by expanding the Homestead Tax Credit, cut the costs of grocery bills for families by enacting Healthy School Meals for All, and decrease prescription drug prices through our Less for Rx agenda.

Representative Joe Sheehan (D- Sheboygan) released the following statement regarding the package:

"Our Lowering Costs, Improving Lives package will help working families, seniors, and folks in every corner of our state with their cost of living, so they have the freedom, opportunity, and economic security to thrive. I am particularly proud to introduce Healthy School Meals for All to help working families in every community save on their grocery bills. No student in Wisconsin should ever have to wonder if they will have access to a healthy, filling meal to eat while at school. If we ensure students aren't learning on an empty stomach, we in turn set them up for a successful day in the classroom, and ultimately help them realize their full potential as a student and as a citizen of Wisconsin.

"Healthy School Meals for All is a commonsense proposal that provides every student with balanced and nutritious meals at school, which will help parents save more of their hard-earned money. As I knocked on doors and spoke with voters this past year, I heard the need to reduce the burden of rising grocery costs. According to estimates from the USDA, this proposal would save the average family \$154 a month per child, or \$1848 annually per school year.

"Our Lowering Costs, Improving Lives package provides financial relief for Wisconsin's working families and folks around our state. These are just the first of many proposals we will introduce to make sure everyone in Wisconsin has the economic security to thrive."

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