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Assembly Republicans Propose Shared Revenue Increase

Eau Claire – Rep. Clint Moses (R-Menomonie) and his Assembly Republican colleagues made an announcement last Thursday alongside local officials to give more state aid to local governments.

It was an exciting day. After listening to constituents and meeting with local officials to find a consensus, we are making historic investments in local government. The legislation focuses on innovation and public safety – directing funds to help our communities particularly our rural towns and villages.

Approximately \$1.5 billion, or 20% of state sales tax revenues, will be devoted to local governments. Every local government will seat least a 10% increase in shared revenue. In our Assembly district, Dunn County would see an increase of 15.5% in local funding.

Over \$500 million in new money will be directed toward local government innovation and public safety. The proposal includes \$300 million for an Innovation Fund to encourage efficiencies, cost savings, and consolidation. If local governments come together and provide a service more efficiently the state will provide a financial incentive. Another part of the proposal includes \$227 million for law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works, and transportation.

Public safety has been, and continues to be, a top priority for Republicans. The commitments made in this proposal will provide significant increases to keep our communities safe. It will also ensure law enforcement services will be properly maintained and not subject to cuts.

The proposal triples the funding for existing grants to local governments to upgrade their 911 systems and provides significant increases for EMS providers to go towards ambulances, equipment, and durable medical supplies. The reimbursement funds for officer training are being doubled.

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The 29th Assembly District includes majority of Dunn and portions of St. Croix and Polk Counties including the communities of Baldwin, Boyceville, Clear Lake, Colfax, Elk Mound, Glenwood City, Menomonie, and Woodville.