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Assembly Passes \$2.1 Billion Tax Relief Package

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Madison, WI – On Tuesday, the State Assembly passed a package of bills that return Wisconsin's surplus back to the taxpayers. Representative Ellen Schutt (R-Clinton) authored the expansion of the married couple tax credit, which is one of the four proposals included in the package.

The bills passed include the following provisions:

- Expand the married couple tax credit, which would provide an average tax cut of \$338.
- Expand the second income tax bracket to include joint-filers making between \$38,190 and \$150,000. This would result in a \$454 average cut for each filer.
- Exclude up to \$150,000 in retirement income from taxation for joint filers. Provision would apply to those over age of 65. Exclusion would be \$75,000 for single filer. This would provide an average tax cut of \$1,582.
- Expand the childcare tax credit, which would provide an average tax cut of \$656 to families with children in childcare.

After passage, Representative Schutt made the following statement:

"It is exciting to see hard-working Wisconsinites move one step closer to receiving a much needed tax cut. I was especially proud to see my bill that I authored with Senator Ballweg that expands the married couple tax credit pass.

"Wisconsin sits on a \$4 billion surplus because of Republicans responsible budgeting practices over the past decade. That money should go back to working families who need it most, rather than creating new government programs."

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