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## **Tax Day 2024: A Decade of Tax Cuts – Column by Rep. Callahan (R-Tomahawk)**

When I was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly four years ago, giving more money back to the hardworking people who earned it has been a top priority of mine. My stance is simple: It's your money, and you know how to spend it better than the government. Since 2011, the Republican-led Legislature has enacted more than \$31 billion in tax cuts. That means that this year, Wisconsin families will save \$1,707 to be used on gas, food, and other important items.

This session, I supported several attempts that would build on this success. The first was a \$4.4 billion tax package that reduced property taxes, lowered income taxes on all filers, and cut taxes stifling the growth of our small businesses. Unfortunately, Governor Evers believes he knows better than the taxpayers. He vetoed 95% of the \$3.5 billion income tax cut that was a part of this package. What would have been an average cut of \$573 per filer became \$36 per filer.

Next, I supported a bill that increased the tax exemption on retirement income and cut taxes for the middle class. Again, the governor vetoed this bill. I also supported our final attempt after that – four bills that together would expand the child and dependent care credit, increase the cap on the married couple credit, expand the second tax bracket to include income up to \$150,000, and increase the exemption on retirement income.

I believe this money belongs to YOU. As your state representative, I will not stop fighting for more tax relief for the people of the 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and our state. It's your money and you know how to spend it better.