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Rep. Dittrich Responds to Governor's Veto of Tax Refund

3rd Time Isn't a Charm for Governor In Middle Class Income Tax Cut

Madison –Representative Barbara Dittrich (R – *Oconomowoc*) responded to Friday's announcement that the Governor had vetoed the Republican Legislature's 3rd and final attempt at returning the large budget surplus to Wisconsin's retirees and hardworking families:

"To say I am disgusted would have to be the understatement of the year," said Rep. Dittrich. "This overpayment of taxes belongs to the people who paid it. Yet, at a time when Wisconsinites are struggling because of a bad economy, Gov. Evers just can't keep himself from sitting on and attempting to spend the people's hard-earned dollars. This veto further illustrates that he was never sincere about the middle class income tax cut he professed to champion.

"The legislation that was vetoed would have returned nearly \$454 to each person in the middle class; families facing the rising cost of child care would have received a \$656 average tax credit per filer; married filers would have received up to an \$870 credit to put more in their pockets; and retirees with less than \$150,000 income per year would have paid no income tax. The legislation was fiscally sound and crafted with accountants from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and members of the Legislature who are professionally involved in finance.

"To stick it to the average Wisconsin resident in this way when they are just trying to get by in this economy sends a loud message in the Governor's 'Let them eat cake' moment today. I believe this action clearly demonstrates for the people who is for a middle class tax cut and who isn't."

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