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Rep. Born Responds to Bipartisan Support of State Budget

Madison – Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) released the following statement in response to the bipartisan approval of the state budget in both houses of the Legislature. This session's budget bill received the highest number of votes in a generation - the last time it received more votes was in 2001 under a split legislature.

"This is a good budget for the citizens of Wisconsin. Representatives and Senators on both sides of the aisle recognize this as we achieved the most votes in favor of a state budget in a generation. Governor Evers should recognize this as well and should sign this budget in whole. My Republican colleagues and I held hundreds of listening sessions around the state to gather input from constituents and this budget is a direct reflection of their priorities.

"In our proposal, we approved over $3.4 billion in tax cuts for individuals, families, and businesses, with the typical Wisconsin family seeing $1,200 in tax relief. We invested hundreds of millions in Wisconsin's healthcare system to ensure all of our constituents have access to quality healthcare, and increased funding for broadband expansion grants by nearly $130 million. The proposal also increases funding for the local road improvement program and state highway rehabilitation program at higher levels than the Governor, while also borrowing far less. Finally, we made significant investments in our students, putting more money into student mental health and special education, something we know all of our constituents are passionate about.

"This is a good budget for the State of Wisconsin. It sends significant tax relief to families and businesses, funds the priorities of people around the state, and puts hundreds of millions in the rainy day fund ensuring we are saving for the future. Governor Evers should take our lead and sign this budget."