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Rep. Born Votes for Largest Tax Cut in State History, Major Investments in Budget State budget cuts taxes by \$4.4 billion, increases funding for K12, transportation and healthcare

**Madison** – Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of a new two-year state budget that will reduce taxes by \$4.4 billion dollars, invest over one billion dollars in K-12 schools, provide more money for local roads and state highway rehabilitation and support access to high-quality healthcare.

"This budget is made for Wisconsin," Rep. Born said. "Every community in our state will be impacted by the meaningful investments in shared revenue, K-12 schools, tax cuts, roads and our healthcare system. I am proud of this carefully crafted budget that sends a record amount back to taxpayers, while investing in core services in our state."

The budget, proposed by Legislative Republicans, cuts income taxes by \$3.5 billion—amounting to an average cut of 15%. It also cuts property taxes by over \$600 million and reduces taxes on local businesses through the elimination of the personal property tax.

If signed by Governor Evers, the budget will also provide over one billion dollars for K-12 schools, including a per pupil increase of \$975 over the biennium, \$50 million for reading initiatives and \$30 million for mental health services in schools.

The Republican-authored plan adds \$1.5 billion for transportation infrastructure, distributed between road aids to local governments; the state highway rehabilitation program; major and megaprojects programs; and other types of transportation like air, rail and transit.

It also adds over three billion dollars for healthcare through increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates; supporting the long-term care industry and funding state partner organizations like Aging and Disability Resource Centers, free and charitable clinics and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The budget, as passed, will also increase funding for the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan to help keep health insurance plans on the marketplace remain affordable.

"I am grateful for those who attended my local listening sessions and the statewide public hearings to share their priorities, which are reflected in this budget. This spending plan invests in every corner of Wisconsin, including right here in the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, to ensure our state continues to be a great place to live, work and raise a family."

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