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## A Great Win for Wisconsin

Madison – Rep. Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) issues the following statement on the Legislature and Governor's Shared Revenue Agreement:

"I am excited to report that the Republican Leadership has negotiated a Shared Revenue Agreement with the Governor that will benefit all of our citizens. This agreement is comprehensive on a number of fronts and worth reading through.

The agreement will capture a record \$1.5 billion dollar for Shared Revenue paid back to local government. The new formula is trying to close the gaps between the communities who had done really well under the old formula and those who did poorly. Future revenue sharing will increase with the growth of the sales tax revenue and communities will be able to grow and benefit as the state grows and benefits.

Conservative wins include the repeal the Personal Property Tax, closing the failing Milwaukee County and City of Milwaukee Retirement Systems and requiring all new employees to join WRS, creating a \$300 million Innovation Fund to encourage local efficiencies and consolidations – changing how government operates and reducing the overall size of government, requiring all new local revenue to be used for law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works and transportation, prohibiting race-based hiring (DEI) in all Wisconsin municipalities, prohibiting local advisory referenda (e.g. legalizing recreational marijuana or expanding abortion rights) and limiting the amount of time a local public health officer may close businesses.

The agreement brought choice and charter school funding up to public school levels in a time when public schools are failing our kids. This includes almost \$280 million in additional funding for choice and charter schools and increases capacity by nearly 40%, which will allow 20,000 more students to attend choice schools

I believe you too will be excited about how this agreement will benefit Wisconsinites. Before the end of the month, we will finish the next biennial budget and present it for the Governor's signature.

For a more detailed report click on this <u>link</u> or request a copy from our office. Here is a more detailed summary of this agreement as it affects the constituents of the 52nd District."

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The 52nd Assembly District includes the City of Fond du Lac; the villages of Eden and Oakfield; the Townships of Fond du Lac, Empire, Eden, Byron, Oakfield, Lamartine and Eldorado