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Rep. Murphy Applauds State Budget for Tax Relief and UW Reforms

MADISON, WI – State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) issued the following statement on the passage of the 2025-2027 Wisconsin state budget:

“This week, legislative leaders and the Governor finalized a forward-thinking 2025-2027 state budget that delivers substantial tax relief and critical reforms. With nearly \$1.5 billion in tax cuts, this budget puts money back into the pockets of Wisconsinites, easing the burden on families and businesses in Outagamie and Waupaca counties. It’s a significant step toward a stronger, more affordable Wisconsin.”

The budget includes three key tax relief measures, which Murphy strongly supports:

“Our seniors deserve to enjoy their retirement with more of their hard-earned money by giving couples a deduction of up to \$48,000. Eliminating the middle tax bracket will provide an average of \$1,000 in savings for middle-class households across the 56th District, simplifying our tax code and boosting our local economy. Additionally, removing the sales tax on electricity and natural gas—a regressive tax that hits low-income families hardest—will ease household budgets. I’ve championed this exemption for years, including authoring Assembly Bill 69 this session.”

As Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, Murphy also praised the budget’s University of Wisconsin reforms, which include a position cap to reduce administrative costs, streamlined credit transfers between UW campuses, and a minimum credit-hour teaching requirement for faculty.

“These UW reforms are a win for taxpayers and students,” Murphy said. “By addressing administrative bloat, improving credit transfer efficiency, and ensuring faculty prioritize teaching, we’ll save money and help students graduate faster. Coupled with a modest funding increase, these changes strengthen our universities and support our communities.”

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