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## **Representative Rob Brooks Votes for Middle-Class Tax Cut**

**Madison, WI**—Today, on the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) voted to reduce taxes for nearly two million Wisconsinites—allowing individuals to keep more of their hard-earned money was a virtue steadfastly endorsed by America’s 16<sup>th</sup> president.

“Throughout my tenure, I have voted to cut taxes on hardworking Wisconsin families. Taxpayers are better equipped to spend their money than government. Republicans have reduced taxes by more than \$8 billion since 2011, resulting in a robust, flourishing economy, low unemployment, and the largest rainy day fund in state history,” Representative Brooks stated.

The middle-class tax cut bill provides \$340 million in tax relief and is targeted to individuals making less than \$100,000 and couples earning \$150,000 or less. Wisconsin’s nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects the median income family filing jointly would see a \$310 reduction in net taxes. Three-quarters of the tax cut benefit goes to filers making between \$30,000 and \$100,000.

“President Lincoln consistently spoke of how America is a government of, by, and for the people. It is fitting that today, on the anniversary of his 210<sup>th</sup> birthday, we have the opportunity to ensure that the people are able to keep more of their hard-earned money. Passage of this legislation is further evidence that the United States remains a government of the people, by the people, and for the people,” Representative Brooks opined.

While the middle-class tax relief proposal embraces the governor’s basic framework, it does not deliver relief in the same fashion. The Republican proposal does not raise taxes and is fully funded. Governor Evers’ proposal, on the contrary, increases taxes by \$518 million on small businesses and manufacturers.

“My constituents expect, that we will emulate the actions of President Lincoln and work in a bipartisan manner during this, an era of divided government,” Representative Brooks said.

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