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Representative O'Connor Reacts to Evers' Special Session Call

FOND DU LAC... Assembly Representative Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) released the following statement in reaction to Governor Evers' special session call:

“As a first-term representative, I have a front-row seat as I watch Governor Evers choose politics over people. Beginning with the introduction of his excessive centralized government budget proposal earlier this year, the Governor chooses to dictate through his veto pen rather than sit down and negotiate in good faith. He set a record in the last legislative session with 126 vetoes. Will he increase that record in this session?”

If the Governor truly cared about the challenges facing our workforce, he would not have vetoed the legislature's Stronger Workforce package. Just this week, the Governor had some common-sense solutions on his desk that he could sign into law.

Along with Senator Feyen, I authored one of those bills. We simply asked that the Administration use metrics, like we do in the private sector, to determine how programs are working, which ones are not and adjust accordingly. Rather than engage in useful negotiations, the Governor once again chose to get out his veto pen, blame others, and get his name in the press.

I am pleased to be part of the legislature that promotes the responsible, family-focused budget that we passed. Once again governing by veto, Evers struck down the largest tax cut in state history, targeted to the middle class.

His approach is to allow for excessive taxation and then use those funds to expand government control over the citizens. He should go back, remove his tax cut veto and return the \$3.5 billion in tax cuts to the Wisconsin taxpayers.

Instead of returning the surplus to the taxpayers, Evers wants to go on a billion-dollar spending spree by expanding government and creating new unneeded programs.

The Assembly will be focused on passing bills this fall that will help families across Wisconsin in a fiscally responsible way. The legislature will continue to seek common sense solutions to our state's problems, rather than overreaching big government programs.”

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