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## Statement on Assembly Passage of State Budget

**Madison, WI** – On Tuesday, the State Assembly took up and passed <u>Assembly Bill 68/Senate Bill 111</u>, the 2021-2023 biennial state budget. Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah), voted to support the budget and released the following statement:

"We cannot overlook the fact that earlier this year, Governor Evers proposed another a ridiculous financial plan for our state that would have raised taxes on Wisconsinites by over \$1 billion and increased spending by over 10%. In any competent organization, public or private, the governor's plan would have been met with considerable ire by any financial professional worth their salt, and that doesn't even address the inclusion of a number of radical policy proposals he included that would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of residents, expand welfare, place arbitrary restrictions on local law enforcement professionals, and more.

"I was happy to support the responsible financial plan that the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance put together. One of the reasons I was happy to support this budget is because of the opportunity for me to again work closely with my colleagues and members of the committee to help make sure that this budget is another good one for residents of the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. As I publicly stated recently, Legislative Republicans have proven time and again that responsible budgeting allows the state to invest in fundamental priorities for Wisconsin residents, save for the future, and importantly, return more money where it belongs - to the hardworking taxpayers in the 70th Assembly District and throughout the state."

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties