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The B.R.A.V.E. Act

As many of you know, a few weeks ago I held a press conference to talk about my bill that would have given volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel tax credits for continuing to provide their communities with excellent care and service. There was also another bill introduced that very same day doing something similar.

As a firefighter, and also as a legislator, it is my responsibility to make sure that we can come together to help those that help us. That is why I am happy to announce after many discussions, phone calls, and e-mails, I have introduced a bigger and better bill to the legislature known as The B.R.A.V.E. Act. The B.R.A.V.E Act stands for Beginning Retention and Attraction for Emergency personnel.

Together with Senators Testin and Nass, along with the help of Representative Mursau, I am sure that this bill will make it through to Governor Evers' desk.

This B.R.A.V.E Act is not the silver bullet to solving our shortage of volunteers, especially in rural areas, but I believe this is a step in the right direction. I believe that giving back to our volunteer emergency service personnel is a great way to be able to attract and retain these incredible men and women that do not receive enough thanks for what they do.

This act would provide three refundable tax credits. One credit is for the retention of volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel and providing services, the second credit is for education and training, and the third is for unreimbursed mileage and equipment costs.

The Wisconsin EMS Association, Wisconsin State Firefighters Association, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, and Wisconsin Towns Association and volunteers across Wisconsin are in support of The B.R.A.V.E Act.

I ask and encourage you to reach out to legislators and tell them you would like them to sign onto this bill.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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