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Stuck & Horlacher Introduce Bi-Partisan Job Access Loan Reform Legislation

Madison... Reps. Amanda Stuck (D-Appleton) and Cody Horlacher (R-Mukwonago) introduced broad, bipartisan legislation to reform a public benefit program which fails to protect the interest of the state and the best interest of program participants.

"All we hear about regarding politics is in-fighting and bitter partisanship, both in Madison and in Washington. However, there are issues and legislation that we can and we should work together on, across party lines, which is why I am proud to work with my colleague Rep. Horlacher, in putting forward this common sense legislation," said Stuck.

Individuals who are prohibited from possessing a vehicle due to their release conditions have received Job Access Loans to purchase or repair a vehicle, as a result their parole was revoked and they are sent back to prison and unlikely to pay back the loan to the state. The bill ensures that people who are not legally allowed to possess a vehicle in the State of Wisconsin do not receive funding from a state agency to help purchase or repair a vehicle.

The bill simply requires individuals who receive funding through the Job Access Loan program to possess a valid driver's license and if they are on probation, parole or extended supervision, they receive permission from their agent.

"It is important to make sure that this program operates effectively and efficiently and that those utilizing this program are eligible to do so. I look forward to continuing to work with Rep. Stuck and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move this bill forward," said Horlacher.

A bi-partisan group of more than 20 legislators have co-sponsored the bill, showing that both Democrats and Republicans can get together in support of good ideas. The bill is currently awaiting a public hearing in committee.