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Rep. Stuck Statement on Assembly Passage of Kimberly-Clark Political Stunt

MADISON – Late tonight, the Republican majority in the State Assembly decided to put politics above the people of the Fox Valley.

“This taxpayer money giveaway sets a bad precedent for the State of Wisconsin, now every company that wants the state to cover 17% of their wage bill will threaten to leave the state or shutter a facility unless the state gives them a handout too.”

“This is a lazy attempt by Legislative Republicans to help just one company in the paper industry in the Fox Valley. Rather than pass the Papermaker Fund, put forward by my Democratic colleagues and I, which is a forward looking approach to help ensure that Wisconsin’s paper industry can adapt to meet the need for the in-demand brown paper products and that will help paper companies improve their bottom-line by increasing energy efficiency and reducing their energy bills.”

“Not only is this handout short sighted, but it wasn’t even asked for by the company, and to this day, Kimberly-Clark has not said whether they will take the money and keep the plants open!”

“Over the last 3 years, Legislative Republicans have refused to have a truly bi-partisan paper caucus, to look at the underlying issues and challenges facing the industry, and they have failed to put forward and enact any real changes that will help the industry continue to be an economic driver in our state and be successful into the future.”

“So today, after years of doing nothing, the Assembly voted to give just one company \$100-115 million while ignoring the other mills that have closed in recent months, companies that have filed for bankruptcy, and others have shutdown machines and laid off hundreds upon hundreds of employees.”

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