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Senate Meets to Address Child Care, Workforce and Inflation

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R – Cedarburg) issued the following statement in response to the action taken by the Senate earlier today to address the availability and affordability of child care, combat challenges facing the workforce and provide tax relief for the working class:

“Wisconsinites are facing significant inflationary pressures and economic challenges due to the failed economics of the Evers and Biden administrations. Evers’ call for a legislative special session on a ‘fall workforce package’ appears to be nothing more than a gimmick. Republicans have a viable solution: keep more money in the pockets of hardworking Wisconsinites.”

“Today, Senate Republicans passed a workforce package that offers sustainable structural reforms to Wisconsin’s child care industry aimed at promoting access and affordability. Republicans are investing more money in the PALS program, a successful initiative that received \$2.5 million and created 331 spots in Western and Northern Wisconsin since its inception. Additionally, Republicans are setting aside \$144.2 million over the biennium to expand the child care dependent tax credit. On average, a family of four with two children in child care could receive nearly \$6,000 total credit to offset child care costs. This is not a government handout to businesses, but rather real cost savings for families.”

“Wisconsinites deserve meaningful relief with increased costs on gas at the pump, groceries, home repairs, insurance, utilities and much more. That is why Republicans included a \$2 billion tax cut in the workforce package to restore the middle-class tax cut vetoed by Evers earlier this session. If signed into law, individual filers making between \$27,630 and \$304,170 will go from paying 5.3% down to 4.4% in income taxes. This is a real middle-class tax cut. At the end of the day, making Wisconsin’s tax structure more competitive is the best way to retain and attract workforce talent. Wisconsin loses taxpayers to other states with a flat tax or no income tax at all. This workforce package is a step in the right direction towards lowering taxes while still funding essential government services to improve Wisconsin’s viability into the future.”

Senator Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties.

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