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Senator Testin Votes to Approve Middle Class Tax Cut

Madison, WI – Senator Patrick Testin voted with the majority of his colleagues on Wednesday to pass a tax cut aimed at putting more money back in the pockets of middle class earners. The cut utilizes surplus revenues to return \$495.6 million to the taxpayers.

"The government gets its money from taxpayers, and when we have a surplus, it's only right to start by returning money to the people," said Sen. Testin.

Under this proposal, the average individual tax filer making less than \$100,000 would see a \$170 tax reduction, while joint filers making less than \$150,000 would see their taxes reduced by \$231.

An alternative to the middle class tax cut has been proposed, but Senator Testin chose to support this version because it doesn't raises taxes on others to fund it; instead, it relies on the state's budget surplus, a result of careful budgeting.

"Some have suggested raising taxes on manufacturers to pay for this tax cut, but I reject that kind of shell game," said Testin. "Many of my constituents work for manufacturers or rely on products made by manufacturers to keep their farm or business running. The bill I support lowers taxes honestly and fairly."

The proposal has passed both the Assembly and the Senate, and now heads for the desk of Governor Tony Evers.

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