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Rep. Rob Brooks Supports Bipartisan COVID-19 Package

Madison, WI—Today, State Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) voted in support of the COVID-19 Response Bill. The bipartisan legislation seeks to address many of the challenges that have been caused by the coronavirus pandemic and provide relief to Wisconsinites who are out of work.

“I am pleased that this package received wide bipartisan support. I am grateful for the tireless effort of my colleagues as we crafted this bill. I think that especially during the current pandemic, it is more important than ever to put aside partisan differences and work together for the benefit of all Wisconsinites during this unprecedented time. The package the Assembly passed today embodies that goal,” said Representative Brooks.

The package eliminates the one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance benefits. The change applies retroactively to claims filed after March 12 and would apply through February 21, 2021.

In addition, the bill requires the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to develop plans to assist Wisconsin’s chief industries (tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and retail), eliminates co-pays for COVID-19 testing, and eases licensing requirements for healthcare providers.

“This package is a great first step in addressing the uncertainty coronavirus has caused throughout our state. I am proud of the relief this package provides. In the upcoming days and weeks, I look forward to debating ways to reopen our state for business. As my colleagues and I begin to have these conversations with the Evers Administration, I will ensure that we reopen Wisconsin in a manner that prioritizes the safety of Wisconsin’s citizens,” stated Representative Brooks.

The State Senate will take action on the bill tomorrow.

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