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REP. VORPAGEL: STATEMENT ON SPEAKER'S TASK FORCE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Madison-Today State Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth), Chairman of the Assembly Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee, issued the following statement regarding Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi's announcement to create the Speaker's Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs:

"Speaker Ryan's announcement today is encouraging and the first step in showing that Washington is serious about working with state legislatures to bring power back, closer to the people. This session, Speaker Vos created the Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee as Wisconsin's effort to balance interests between the federal and state governments, and Speaker Ryan's announcement shows that our efforts have not been overlooked.

"The creation of this Task Force is a clear message to state legislatures that the Federal government wants to work with the states to return to the principle of federalism that has deteriorated over time.

"I plan on reaching out to Chairman Bishop as well as the Advisory Council to the Task Force members to communicate Wisconsin's willingness to be a part of these discussions. Our committee has been hearing testimony from departments this session that points to some of the areas we are able to peel back the layers of government that have become convoluted over time."

You can read Speaker Ryan's press release at http://www.speaker.gov/press-release/speaker-and-democratic-leader-announce-task-force-intergovernmental-affairs

Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27th Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.

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