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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**Potential Trucking Tax – A \$250 million hit on consumers and small businesses!**  
**Nass: Some Wisconsin Republicans have forgotten we aren't the big government party.**

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) will vigorously oppose the inclusion of a new Trucking Tax in the 2017-19 Biennial Budget. Leaders in the Assembly have floated a new trucking tax that would be modeled off of a similar 2.85 cents-per-mile tax in Kentucky. This new Wisconsin tax would raise approximately \$250 million over the biennium.

**“The desperation amongst some legislators to increase taxes to placate transportation special interests has reached levels never before seen in this state. This is a \$250 million tax increase on consumers, since its costs will be passed on to the little guy at the end of the process,” Nass said.**

Nass noted the following about the tax and Wisconsin Trucking Industry:

-While the trucking industry accounted for only 10% of the vehicle miles travelled in the state last year, they paid 38% of all the taxes owed by motorists.

-The State of Wisconsin has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest heavy truck registration fee in the country (\$2,037 annually per truck).

-If Wisconsin adopts the Kentucky truck tax model, one analysis estimates it would be the equivalent of a 20-cent gas tax increase on heavy trucks.

-Many small Wisconsin trucking companies that operate intrastate have limited resources to deal with the potentially expensive bureaucratic process of calculating/reporting the tax.

-Only four states currently collect this special tax (Kentucky, New York, New Mexico and Oregon). It would create a competitive disadvantage for Wisconsin trucking companies with their peers in neighboring states that don't have this burdensome tax.

**“The majority of people in Wisconsin don't want higher taxes, but the special interests do. I will stand with the people and oppose any tax increase in the 2017-19 biennial budget,” Nass said.**

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