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Governor Evers Turns Back on Small Businesses, Again

Madison – Rep. Dan Knodl (R-Germantown) issued the following statement upon Governor Evers’ announcement of his intent to veto Assembly Bill 191. The bill would repeal the burdensome and antiquated personal property tax in Wisconsin. Rep. Knodl reacts:

“Vetoing this bill would be backwards and out of touch. Signing it into law is the least the governor could do for our small businesses as they recover from the challenges of the past year. If Governor Evers follows through on this veto, the burden of this regressive tax will continue to fall on businesses up and down Wisconsin’s main streets.

“There would be no excuse for such a lapse in leadership. Not only has this bill been reintroduced, vetted, and refined over previous legislative sessions, but my office also worked to satisfy as many of the governor’s sudden eleventh-hour demands as possible. This bill gained overwhelming support from our state’s small business community and received a bipartisan vote on the Assembly floor.

“When asked about his reasons for vetoing the bill, the governor responded that it would expand tax breaks to out-of-state manufacturers. This remark was uninformed, as we amended the bill to satisfy that specific concern. Had the governor taken up my offer to meet to discuss the bill, he might have avoided operating under incorrect information as well as making an erroneous public comment.

“I encourage the governor to reconsider his veto and sign this bill into law immediately.”

Efforts to eliminate the personal property tax have been ongoing for over 100 years and have crossed party lines. Wisconsin’s neighboring states have all repealed the tax, and numerous exemptions over the years have made the tax complicated, unfair, and inefficient.

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