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Secretary-Designee Craig Thompson Is Wrong For Wisconsin

Thompson puts road builders before taxpayers

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) released the following statement in response to Department of Transportation Secretary-designee’s committee vote earlier today:

My concerns about Craig Thompson continue. Governor Evers and Secretary-designee Thompson have put the road builders before Wisconsin taxpayers time after time. This should not be a surprise, because before being nominated by Governor Evers Craig Thompson worked as a lobbyist for the road builders.

In their budget Evers and Thompson proposed bad policies like reinstating prevailing wage and repealing Right-to-Work. Reinstating prevailing wage would increase costs for projects, lining the pockets of road builders at the expense of Wisconsin families.

There is a fundamental conflict of interest inherent in appointing the lobbyist of a group of vendors to head an agency that hands out contracts to those same vendors.

For example, a [recent article](#) highlighted the increase in single bid contracts that have been awarded since Thompson took over at the Department of Transportation. In just eight months Thompson has awarded \$320 million in single bid contracts, only \$12 million less than his predecessor awarded over two years. This is a bad practice that should be avoided, not increased.

Taxpayers deserve a Transportation Secretary who will put their interests before the road builders and Craig Thompson has failed that simple litmus test.

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