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Weekly Republican Radio Address:

## **Problem Solving through Zero-based Budgeting**

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*When Republicans gained legislative majorities in 2011, there was a commitment to fundamental reforms of government to fix what was broken and get our fiscal house back in order. Now, Wisconsin is gaining jobs, our reforms have saved taxpayers over \$8 billion, and our economy is booming. Despite those successes, Republicans remain hard at work delivering new solutions to move Wisconsin Forward.*

*Hi, I'm State Senator Dave Craig from Waukesha County to talk with you about the new Zero-based budgeting law which fixes a broken budgeting process, provides a critical foundation for curbing wasteful government spending, and increases accountability with your tax dollars.*

*Wisconsin families and businesses put all their bills and receipts on the table when making their budgets – they start from zero, evaluate all income and expenses, and set priorities based on the money available. I believe government should function the same way – by starting from zero.*

*Until our reform passed, the legislature used “Madison Math” which automatically increases the base budget and conceals waste, inefficiencies, and antiquated programs that continue to hide in state agencies. Zero-based budgeting fixes this broken process by requiring each state agency to justify every dollar they spend against the mission of the department.*

*This reform will shine a light on every tax dollar, empowering the legislature with more information, which means more transparency, more oversight, and ultimately better representation.*

*As President Ronald Reagan once said, “...a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!”*

*Republicans passed Zero-based budgeting reform to solve a problem – find hidden spending in state agencies and fix a broken budget process. These are the reforms Republican are committed to delivering and the problems we're committed to solving for you - the hardworking taxpayers – to provide you a better, smaller government and to keep more of your money where it ought to be... in your pocket.*

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