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Rep. Dittrich Votes for Middle Class Tax Cut

Madison – Rep. Barbara Dittrich (R-Oconomowoc) voted to cut taxes for nearly two million people in Wisconsin. The Middle Class Tax Cut bill advanced out of the state Assembly and is one step closer to final approval. The legislation ([Assembly Bill 4/Senate Bill 18](#)) takes the GOP surplus and delivers on Governor Tony Evers’ campaign promise, furthering bi-partisanship.

“Hardworking Wisconsinites not only in my district but all over Wisconsin deserve this tax break,” said Rep. Dittrich. “With the growing, strong economy, we can afford to return the surplus to taxpayers. It’s their money after all.”

The legislation provides \$340 million in tax relief and is targeted to individuals making less than \$100,000 and families earning \$150,000 or less. The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects the median income family filing jointly would see a \$310 reduction in net taxes. Three-quarters of the tax cut benefit goes to filers making between \$30,000 and \$100,000.

“I’m proud that we’re able to reduce the tax burden on families once again,” said Rep. Dittrich. “Republicans have decreased taxes by more than \$8 billion since 2011 and our economy continues to grow. In fact, individual and franchise tax revenue has grown by 24 percent during that time.”

While the Republican tax cut proposal uses the governor’s basic idea, it doesn’t deliver the relief the same way. The Republican proposal doesn’t raise taxes on anyone and actually is funded. Governor Evers’ proposal raises taxes by \$518 million on small businesses and manufacturers. In addition, the governor’s plan doesn’t add up. It falls short by roughly \$400 million over the next two years.

The middle class tax cut is only one of several initiatives that Assembly Republicans are looking to accomplish in a bipartisan manner. At the beginning of the session, [Rep. Dittrich and her Republican Assembly colleagues offered ways to work collaboratively with the new governor.](#)

“My constituents expect that we work together during divided government,” said Rep. Dittrich. “I look forward to seeing the tax cut become the first bipartisan law this session.”

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