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## Rep Dittrich Applauds Reigning in Spending

**Oconomowoc** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*) member of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, shared the following statement regarding the governor’s plan to immediately reduce state spending:

“I applaud the governor for making this proactive, first attempt at preserving our state’s fiscal wellbeing. These cuts underscore the need for responsible budgeting at all times, not just during a crisis. Throughout the biennial budget process, Assembly Republicans promoted the ongoing need for fiscal restraint. As a result, our rainy day fund was at a historic level prior to this outbreak. While measures like these can be difficult and sometimes unpopular, such a measure is especially imperative at time where we are seeing state revenues plummet. Unlike the federal government, Wisconsin is constitutionally required to have a balanced budget. This requires an extra measure of responsibility on the part of our legislature and governor.

“While these cuts are a proper first step, more steps may be needed at a future date to ensure the budget shortfall is not severe. It would have been preferable to freeze our spending to the level of the first year of our biennial budget when we passed the COVID-19 relief legislation (2019 Wisconsin Act 185). Nevertheless, this is very positive movement forward to serve the people of our great state.”

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