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Dear Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

Our state and country are facing unprecedented challenges due to the spread of COVID-19 and the responses of governments at all levels to slow the spread. These responses to the disease have led to drastic changes in budget projections for states around the country: sales tax collections are down, income tax deadlines have been extended, unemployment rates are at historic levels and more businesses are permanently closing every day.

That being said, Wisconsin has spent eight years making the tough choices to get our fiscal house in order. We passed Act 10 to eliminate a \$3.6 billion budget deficit, we had to tighten our funding for a number of programs to balance our budgets, and we made regular deposits to our Rainy Day Fund. While making these tough choices, we also were able to hold the line on property taxes and cut income taxes for Wisconsin residents.

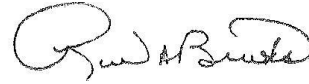
No one knows how long and how deep this economic crisis due to COVID-19 will be, and Wisconsin is not immune to these fiscal challenges. However, we do know that our neighbors to the south have spent decades spending and borrowing recklessly. After years of failing to fund their overly generous pension system, Illinois is already asking for the federal government to bail them out of these series of poor financial decisions. The State Senate in Illinois has requested \$44 billion – and that's just for one state. Wisconsinites can't afford to bailout reckless budgeting from other states.

Wisconsin taxpayers should not be responsible for funding bailouts for irresponsible states across the country, like Illinois, New York and California. Please stand with Wisconsin taxpayers and reject the multi-trillion dollar bailouts being considered by Congress.

Sincerely,



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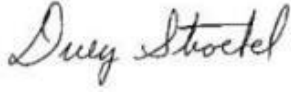
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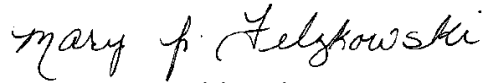
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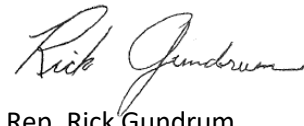
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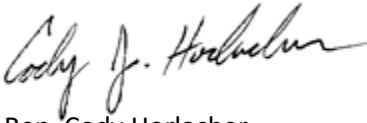
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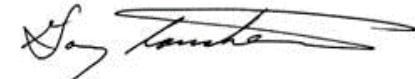
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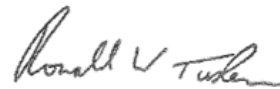
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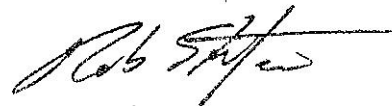
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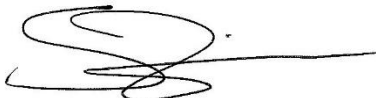
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