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## Rep. Vorpagel Statement on Passage of COVID-19 Relief Legislation

**Madison-** State Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) issued the following statement regarding the passage of COVID-19 Relief Legislation:

"COVID-19 has affected everyone in our state, and today I was proud to vote for a bill that contains 44 provisions and makes \$100 million available to continue the fight against COVID-19. The past year has been devastating not only to our citizens but also to our local businesses and our state's economy. Today we provided additional tools and funding that will help all of us move forward.

"By creating an "all-hands-on-deck" approach to vaccinations, we will ensure as more vaccines become available, the people who want and need to get them can do so easily.

"The bill also requires the Department of Workforce Development to eliminate the Unemployment backlog by January 31<sup>st</sup>, and will continue the suspension of the one week waiting period to receive benefits. Ultimately people want to get back to work, but if they aren't able to we want to make sure they can still pay their bills.

"Assembly Bill 1 provides a continuation of the tools and assistance our state needs to deal with the pandemic. That's why I was extremely frustrated that not a single Democratic colleague of mine supported this legislation. I understand that we may not agree on many things, but providing relief to our citizens in the state of Wisconsin should be their highest priority during a pandemic and today I believe they failed them."

Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.

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