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Evers Vetoes Middle Class Tax Cuts

Wants to keep your surplus tax dollars in Madison

Madison, WI – On Friday afternoon, Governor Evers vetoed three of the four GOP middle class tax cut bills, confirming what we already knew - he believes your surplus tax dollars are better spent by bureaucrats in Madison, instead of returned to Wisconsin families who are struggling to keep up with federal inflation.

Throughout this session, the GOP-controlled Legislature has been working on different proposals that would return hard-earned tax dollars back to Wisconsin families, who can decide how to spend them based on their own particular household needs. The Governor has continued to veto every tax cut that has reached his desk with an overarching message that it targets too high of an income - claiming the true middle class are families making less than \$150,000. In the most recent tax cut plan, the Legislature addressed his concerns and targeted it towards families making less than \$150,000. Governor Evers took it upon himself to once again veto these cuts and keep that money in Madison.

Senator Felzkowski commented: "When the state has a surplus and we're discussing tax cuts, we have to remember that we're specifically talking about money that does not belong to the state - these are your hard-earned tax dollars that are sitting in an account in Madison. In an effort to get those dollars out the door and back into your family budgets, we drafted four bills that would cut income taxes for families making less than \$150,000; exempt up to \$150,000 of retirement income from income taxes; increase the married couple credit; and expand the child and dependent care credit. The Governor made the unilateral decision that middle class families - including single moms who make \$28,000, retired Wisconsinites, and married couples - are doing just fine and don't need tax relief. Frankly, that's a slap in the face to the majority of Wisconsin."