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Governor Evers Tells Rural Roads to Take a Hike

Madison, WI – Senator Cory Tomczyk (R-Mosinee) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' veto for local transportation funding:

"It is appalling to me that the same Governor who campaigned on 'fixing the damn roads' and posed for photo-ops with a shovel in his hands would have the gall to veto critical funding our small town local roads.

While Governor 'tax hole' Tony Evers goes around touting his commitment to working for all of Wisconsin, he continues to stab small towns and rural Wisconsin in the back with his reckless tax increases and disastrous veto of local transportation funding.

You can talk to any town official in Wisconsin and they will tell you one of their biggest priorities this session was increasing the per-mileage funding for local roads. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government, increasing transportation funding was a priority for me this budget and is a cause I will continue to fight for, even while facing such ignorant opposition from the Governor's office."

<u>Background:</u> Last week Governor Evers issued a series of partial vetoes to the state budget, including the elimination of a middle class tax cut and unilaterally raising property taxes for the next 400 years.

Through his series of vetoes, the Governor removed a critical increase to mileage aid payments under the General Transportation Aid program, a devastating cut of more than \$10 million to local town road funding.

As <u>echoed</u> by the Wisconsin Towns Association, this veto will affect nearly 1,200 towns across Wisconsin.

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