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Governor's Budget makes working class families the top priority for the State of Wisconsin

Madison, WI – Today State Representative Josh Zepnick joined with other public officials in the State Capitol to listen to Governor Jim Doyle unveil his budget plans for the 2007-09 biennial budget.

“The budget process is just starting—now, it is time for the public and the Legislature to provide input and I expect significant changes to take place, but this is a great place to start for the middle class families in my district,” said Representative Zepnick. “This budget shows that our legislative priorities are in line with the priorities of the hard working families of this state.”

Tonight, Governor Doyle outlined his goals to:

- Improve and expand the public transportation infrastructure for roads and transit in SE Wisconsin;
- Quadruple state support for worker training programs, with an emphasis on family-supporting manufacturing jobs;
- Sustain the high quality education provided by Milwaukee Public Schools and their partners in building the next generation of citizens;
- Tax relief for working class families, seniors, and folks saving up for college;
- And, a long overdue expansion of health care coverage including BadgerCarePlus, which will streamline existing Medicaid programs in order to provide health insurance for every person in Wisconsin under the age of 18. This initiative was originally created with the help of Representative Zepnick (AB959 2005-06 Session)

“I’m looking forward to discussing these proposals with my constituents during the upcoming months, and making sure the voices of Milwaukee’s South Side are expressed when I’m in Madison,” said Representative Zepnick “These are all important steps forward that there should be bipartisan support for. We cannot continue to accept the status quo. Working Wisconsin families deserve to be heard.”