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**Rep. Kitty Rhoades Statement on Passage of State Budget Compromise**

**Madison** – This evening, following passage by the Wisconsin state Assembly of the 2007-09 state budget compromise, State Representative Kitty Rhoades (Hudson) released the following statement:

“Since Governor Doyle introduced his 2007-09 budget proposal earlier this year, I have stressed the importance of passing a budget that puts the needs of Wisconsin’s families ahead of the wants of state government.

“While not perfect, tonight’s compromise achieved this while stopping the largest tax increase in the history of the country, including an increase of more than \$600 million in property taxes.

“The budget approved tonight holds the line on spending, reduces the structural deficit, and provides much needed relief for Wisconsin’s hard working families by eliminating taxes on health insurance premiums, providing a child care tax credit, and reducing the tax burden on pensions.

“By working in a bipartisan fashion, we were able to demonstrate that it is possible to fund the core services of government by funding our public schools, protecting our families from sexual predators and providing for our seniors, while living within the taxpayers’ means.”

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