

# Rep. Macco: Statement on the extraordinary session

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Madison... Early this week, the State Legislature convened an Extraordinary Session aimed at clarifying existing practices in the State of Wisconsin. State Representative John Macco (R-Ledgeview) released the following statement on the Legislature's Extraordinary Session.

"Despite the campaign of misinformation and criticism I would like to emphasize that the voters of this state chose to send a divided government to Madison to represent their interests. A full 63 Republicans were elected to the state assembly, this is not a lame duck session. Republicans are coming back after the first of the year with a large majority." Said Rep. Macco

"The legislation taken up was not to strip the power from the Governor-Elect but to codify current administrative rules, such as providing free identification so voters are able to prove their residency. Another common misconception is that the legislature was working to make voting harder. On the contrary, this legislation merely standardizes In-Person Absentee Voting, known as Early Voting. Throughout much of Wisconsin, many of our clerks are part-time and do not have the ability to open offices for the same hours as larger municipalities. This legislation provides for municipalities to be able to open the offices for a full 2 weeks 24 hours a day prior to Election Day for the purpose of early voting, because your ability to vote should not depend on your zip code."

"Another bill merely clarifies a Wisconsin law passed in 2013 after the U.S. Supreme

Court clarified rules for collection of taxes from out of state retailers (South Dakota v. Wayfair). This legislation guarantees that additional revenue collected from out of state retailers goes towards lowering your income taxes!”

“One final piece of clarification is a change to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). The legislative branch merely provided for a transitional plan so current initiatives are not carelessly abandoned at the drop of a hat. WEDC is directly responsible for more than \$60 million worth of economic growth in the Green Bay area alone! Wisconsinites are seeing a time of unprecedented growth and prosperity and this legislation provides for the continued success Wisconsin is experiencing.”

“Throughout this last election cycle, I spent months talking to constituents and was repeatedly told to keep in place the reforms that were enacted over the past 8 years. This legislation does just that.”