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Rep. Conley: Missed opportunities to better Wisconsin

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MADISON – This week the Wisconsin State Assembly met in regular session three times. Rep. Conley (D-Janesville) released the following statement in response:

"Today is most likely our final floor session this year, and I am disappointed that Republican leadership missed so many opportunities this week to pass legislation that actually benefits the people of Wisconsin and betters the state. Instead of making investments to truly improve

Wisconsin's education system, Republicans proposed a bill expanding private school vouchers to the tune of a $577 million property tax increase. Wisconsinites don't want higher property taxes; they want quality public schools.

"Instead of working to strengthen our democracy, Republicans focused on suppressing people's right to vote by passing several bills that create unnecessary hurdles and punitive consequences when we could have passed proactive solutions to help voters. The Wisconsin Election

Commission, which was created by Republicans, has proven time and time again that

Wisconsin's elections are free, fair, and accurate.

"There was also a chance to honor Black Americans during Black History Month. It is truly

disheartening that for the fifth year in a row the Legislative Black Caucus was not allowed by Republicans to recognize and honor those whom they admire. Republican leadership has also had months to bring my resolution honoring Native

American Heritage Month to the floor, but they have declined to do so.

“Furthermore, today does not have to be the last day the Assembly meets in session. I’m ready to continue working to better our state. Unfortunately, it appears that Representative Vos believes we have done enough work for this year.”