

# Rep. VanderMeer: Supports legislature's budget

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**Madison** – After voting to support the Legislature's 2023-2025 Biennial State Budget Thursday evening, Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) released the following statement:

"I was happy to support yet another responsible budget put together by Wisconsin Assembly Republicans and my colleagues on the Joint Committee on Finance. I must highlight that once again, earlier this year in February, as is now commonplace, the governor proposed a budget that would have resulted in the largest fiscal imbalance of any Wisconsin budget on record and a structural deficit of about \$1.4 billion in fiscal year 2025. The governor's proposal would have dramatically raised taxes on hard-working Wisconsinites struggling with increased costs and the staggering inflationary environment all Americans are experiencing under the dismal leadership of Joe Biden, Democrats, and some Republicans in Washington, D.C.

"The Legislature's budget makes the largest tax cuts in the 175 year history of our state and ignores the governor's fiscally irresponsible proposals and his pro-criminal, anti-farmer, election integrity eroding ideas, among others. Our budget makes priority investments in the areas most Wisconsinites care about, like roads and bridges, public safety and first responder resources, critical care health care providers, and many more. Additionally, the Legislature's \$3.5 billion income tax cut primarily targets the largest group of filers across the state; hard-working middle class families representative of the majority of the individuals and families in and around the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. That's an average of \$537 per filer each year and represents an average cut of over 15% for families. Our state is best served when residents keep more of their own money and are empowered to make decisions on how to spend it instead of empowering and expanding government."