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Sen. Knodl: Comments on signing of state budget

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Madison – This morning, Governor Evers signed the 2023-25 biennial budget passed by the legislature last week. Senator Dan Knodl (R-Germantown) issued the following statement:

“For the third time now, our state’s Republican legislature and Democratic governor have been able to come together and craft a budget that cuts taxes and doesn’t squander our hard-earned surplus.

“While I am disappointed that the governor vetoed away $2.7 billion in income tax cuts while also triggering four centuries of automatic annual property tax increases, I am happy to report that a number of my proposals were included in the budget. These include much-needed funds for repairs to the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center in Brown Deer, new investments in driver education for low-income youth, and the required funds to pay for the repeal of the personal property tax and ensure our local governments remain whole.”

Repeal of the personal property tax has been a top legislative priority for Senator Knodl for over a decade. It was included in the legislature’s bipartisan shared revenue reform bill, which was enacted as Act 12 on June 20 th . Other highlights in the biennial budget include $3.1 billion to improve health care access, $362 million for local roads and bridges, and over $1 billion in new public K-12 education funding, in addition to the largest expansion of school choice since the program’s inception.

The budget bill passed 20-13 in the State Senate and 63-34 in the State Assembly, with no Democrats voting in favor.