



Rep. Brandtjen: It's Time to Eliminate Taxpayer Funded Radio and Circus Museums.

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Madison- State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) issued the following statement regarding the relationship between reducing the tax burden on Wisconsin's families and eliminating unnecessary spending.

"I am extremely excited to be having a conversation about lowering the tax burden on Wisconsin's working families. I'd really like to see a flat tax in Wisconsin. Moving hard working Wisconsin families from 6% or 7% income tax to 3.95% is a giant step for Wisconsin to take. A family with a joint taxable income of \$70,000 would enjoy a significant increase in their disposable income under the plan. Wisconsin is moving in the right direction, however we are still a very high tax state. The flat tax proposal would go a long way to put Wisconsin in the "tax friendly" column. That being said, we will need to start making "tough" choices and eliminating some unnecessary spending like the Circus World Museum and Wisconsin Public Radio. Public radio and television should not be subsidized by the taxpayers, they rebroadcast programming that is available elsewhere. The Circus Museum should be funded by the private sector. The decline of the Ringling Brothers Circus demonstrates that public interest in the circus industry is waning. Tightening our belt in these areas would have amounted to a savings of \$70 million over ten years. If the legislature is serious about a flat tax, then we need to get serious about trimming unnecessary programs. Wisconsin simply cannot justify kicking the spending issue down the road. Fiscal responsibility needs to start today."

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