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Potential Trucking Tax – A \$250 million hit on consumers and small businesses!
Nass: Some Wisconsin Republicans have forgotten we aren't the big government party.

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) will vigorously oppose the inclusion of a new Trucking Tax in the 2017-19 Biennial Budget. Leaders in the Assembly have floated a new trucking tax that would be modeled off of a similar 2.85 cents-per-mile tax in Kentucky. This new Wisconsin tax would raise approximately \$250 million over the biennium.

“The desperation amongst some legislators to increase taxes to placate transportation special interests has reached levels never before seen in this state. This is a \$250 million tax increase on consumers, since its costs will be passed on to the little guy at the end of the process,” Nass said.

Nass noted the following about the tax and Wisconsin Trucking Industry:

-While the trucking industry accounted for only 10% of the vehicle miles travelled in the state last year, they paid 38% of all the taxes owed by motorists.

-The State of Wisconsin has the 5th highest heavy truck registration fee in the country (\$2,037 annually per truck).

-If Wisconsin adopts the Kentucky truck tax model, one analysis estimates it would be the equivalent of a 20-cent gas tax increase on heavy trucks.

-Many small Wisconsin trucking companies that operate intrastate have limited resources to deal with the potentially expensive bureaucratic process of calculating/reporting the tax.

-Only four states currently collect this special tax (Kentucky, New York, New Mexico and Oregon). It would create a competitive disadvantage for Wisconsin trucking companies with their peers in neighboring states that don't have this burdensome tax.

“The majority of people in Wisconsin don't want higher taxes, but the special interests do. I will stand with the people and oppose any tax increase in the 2017-19 biennial budget,” Nass said.

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