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## Rep. McGuire Introduces Main Street Recovery Package

MADISON – Today, Rep. Tip McGuire introduced the Main Street Recovery Package, a set of legislation aimed at giving tax relief to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic: small businesses and working families.

"Small businesses and working families are the backbone of our economy," said Rep. Tip McGuire. "Our legislative package is designed to give them tax relief when they need it most."

LRB-1732/1 allows individuals to claim their 2019 earned income for 2020 for the purpose of the Earned Income Tax Credit, putting Wisconsin in line with the recently-passed federal Consolidated Appropriations Act. This will allow working families to:

1) Avoid having these workers do two calculations – one utilizing their 2019 earned income amount for federal purposes, and a second calculation for their Wisconsin return, using the 2020 earned income amount (as WI is a percentage of federal EITC).

2) Have a higher earned income credit by using earned income by electing to use their earned income from 2019 (prior to the pandemic interrupting their ability to work).

LRB-1733/1 would ensure that Wisconsin businesses are not taxed on the state grants that they received from programs created using federal CARES Act funding (e.g. We're All In).

"During these difficult times, as small businesses and working families are struggling, now more than ever, we need policies that put Main Street businesses and families first," said Rep. McGuire.

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