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Krug states his goals for Federal stimulus money coming to Wisconsin

ROME – With \$3.2 billion in federal stimulus funding headed to Wisconsin from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Representative Scott Krug (R-Rome) today joined Assembly Republicans around the state to outline legislative plans for the federal funding.

Last week, the legislature passed the Truth in Spending Act which provided legislative oversight of these new federal funds. Yesterday, the Governor vetoed that bill, choosing to make those spending decisions on his own without legislative input.

“We have a one-time chance to put these tax dollars where they will have the most benefit and impact,” said Rep. Krug. “We agree with the Governor on some things, including investing in small businesses and assisting the tourism industry. However, I don’t think Governor Evers goes far enough in some important areas.”

Krug called on the Governor to direct funding toward four specific areas including:

Aid to Households – Legislative leaders believe the people most impacted over the last year, the hard-working Wisconsin taxpayer, should see additional assistance as the state and the nation emerge from the pandemic. “This is the people’s money and as I have said for years, the people can spend it better than the government,” noted Krug. “We propose that part of the money be used to send a check directly back to Wisconsin homeowners.” Krug added that to his mind one of the highest priorities for the federal funding should be to help families and workers who were hit the hardest by the pandemic and its effects on businesses and family budgets.

Investing in Long-Term Care – [Nearly half of Wisconsin COVID deaths](#) have been in long-term care facilities, yet Governor Evers sent less than 10% of his CARES Act discretionary funding directly to these facilities. Krug observed that “Wisconsin long-term care facilities bore a tremendous burden from the COVID-19 pandemic. Long-term care residents were forced to isolate from family and friends; unfortunately some lost their lives. The staff at these homes were pushed to the limit as many worked additional hours and did everything they could to ensure the health and safety of their residents.”

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Krug joined legislative leaders in urging that recognition for this industry and its workforce, as well as its clients.

Broadband Expansion – While the Governor has announced investments in broadband, legislative leaders fear his proposals don't go far enough. "Assembly Republicans have a proposal to invest \$500 million of the new federal funds into broadband," said Krug. According to a [November 2020 report](#) by Forward Analytics, nearly 25% of rural residents (430,000) lack high-speed broadband while urban areas have near universal access. "Since the onset of COVID-19, we have seen how critically important broadband infrastructure is as we have had to live, work, and learn remotely," Krug noted. "That's why we're calling for more funding for broadband expansion so we can get closer to our goal of high-speed broadband access for all Wisconsin residents."

Local Economic Investment – Rep. Krug believes that some share of the federal money could be allocated to investments in local jobs and infrastructure. "We lost hundreds of jobs around the state during this pandemic," Krug observed, "and the effects of the pandemic and the closures on earnings, production, and family financial well-being have been immense." Krug believes that some part of the federal money could be directed towards bringing back employment in community business.

"The Governor clearly missed the mark in some key areas like taking care of those who care for our most vulnerable and assisting homeowners after a long, difficult year," said Rep. Krug. "My biggest priority is taking care of those hit the hardest and make sure we can recover from the pandemic as quickly as possible."

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(e) *Bills to prevent promulgation.* When the joint committee for review of administrative rules objects to a proposed rule or a part of a proposed rule under par. (d) it shall, within 30 days of the date of the objection, meet and take executive action regarding the introduction, in each house of the legislature, of a bill to support the objection. The joint committee shall introduce the bills within 5 working days after of administrative rules shall introduce the bills on the first day of the next regular session of the legislature, unless either house adversely disposes of either bill. If the joint committee for review of administrative rules is required to introduce the bills, the agency may not promulgate the proposed rule or part of the proposed rule to which the bills pertain except as provided in par. (f). If either house adversely disposes of either bill, the agency may promulgate the proposed rule or part of the proposed rule that was objected to. In this paragraph, "adversely disposes of" means that one house has voted in one of the

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