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## **Rep. Tittl Casts Vote for Freedom**

*A legislative package addressing concerns stemming from the pandemic heads to the governor*

Madison – Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted in favor of a package of bills to limit government overreach and allow for public input into the allocation of federal stimulus dollars. The Assembly approved legislation that prohibits the government from mandating vaccinations and closing places of worship. Lawmakers also voted for the Evers administration to develop a plan for state employees to return to in-person work. The bill asks for the plan to be submitted to the legislature no later than 21 days after the legislation’s effective date. Rep Tittl shared on the floor, “this is a fundamental bill as no one should be able to prevent one from practicing their religion and worshipping the God of their choice.” The right to worship has been a fundamental right in our nation since 1791.

“These bills will give Wisconsinites more of a voice in the direction of our state during and after the pandemic,” said Rep. Tittl. “It’s time to ensure government overreach doesn’t continue.”

The Assembly approved two bills that address COVID vaccinations. One bill prohibits certain government officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations; the other prohibits employers from requiring a vaccination for employment. “While I have gotten my first vaccination and will be getting my second in a few weeks, I believe it should be up to the individual to decide if they wish to receive the vaccination,” said Rep. Tittl.

The legislative package also includes the Truth in Spending Act that establishes legislative oversight of the billions of federal COVID dollars coming to Wisconsin. The legislation allows Wisconsinites through their elected representatives to have a say in allocating recovery funds in their communities, rather than allowing the governor to dispense them unilaterally.

“Billions of taxpayer dollars should not be in the hands of a single person,” said Rep. Tittl. “We’re simply asking that the governor include others in the decision-making process.”

The Truth in Spending Act is modeled closely after the language that Democrats approved in 2009 to allow the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to provide oversight in distributing funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“The governor has a choice; he can go it alone, or he can work with the legislature like so many other states are doing across the country,” said Rep. Tittl. “This is common-sense legislation, which should become law.”

The Assembly approved the bills mostly along party lines. The legislative package now heads to the governor for his signature.

*The 25th Assembly District includes portions of Calumet and Manitowoc Counties.*