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Rep. Plumer Supports Investments in Wisconsin

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MADISON, WI – Rep. Plumer (R – Lodi) voted today for a series of bills that would direct the Governor to spend funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to make critical investments in Wisconsin. Under the recently passed federal legislation, the state will be receiving \$3.2 billion dollars for discretionary spending. Assembly Republicans passed 11 bills today that will provide aid to Wisconsin homeowners, support our long term care facilities, aid small businesses, help our tourism industry, and make investments in Wisconsin's infrastructure.

"These bills reflect the priorities of my constituents," said Rep. Plumer. "While the governor has some worthwhile proposals in his plans for these funds, one individual alone should not decide how to spend a sum of money this large. The bills we passed today provide a common sense plan for using these funds."

The legislation passed today included the following items:

- Aid to Households: \$1 billion to provide a 10 percent payment to all property taxpayers
- Small Business Assistance: \$200 million for grants to small businesses
- **Tourism Assistance**: \$50 million for tourism grants and \$25 million for advertising grants for amusement parks
- Rural Economic Development & Farmer Assistance: \$50 million for rural economic development grants and \$50 million for farmer support funds
- Long-term Care Assistance: \$150 million for grants for nursing homes and assisted living facilities and worker bonuses
- Strengthen Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund: Requires the use of recovery funds to keep UI taxes at lowest tax schedule
- **Local Road Funding**: \$308 million to give \$2 million per county and \$2,000 per road mile to cities, villages and towns for road improvements
- **Broadband Expansion**: \$500 million in broadband expansion grants
- EMS and Mental Health: \$68.2 million for EMS technology upgrades and a psychiatric hospital in Eau Claire
- **Debt Repayment**: \$250 million to pay down state debt and \$250 million to pay off transportation revenue bonds
- Clean Water Investments: \$61 million for water infrastructure projects