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Rep. Conley: Statement on June 22nd Assembly Floor Session

MADISON –Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly met in regular session and took up legislation related to voting and local budgets, designed to distract from Republicans' massive cuts to Governor Evers' proposed K-12 education funding in the budget that will be taken up by the Assembly in the coming days. Rep. Conley (D-Janesville) released the following statement in response:

"We value democracy here in Wisconsin and we are proud of our strong tradition of high voter participation. We should strengthen that tradition by encouraging voters to become registered to vote, protecting early voting, expanding hours for early voting, making it easy for voters to return their ballots, and ensuring sufficient funding for our election administration. Our democracy is stronger and more secure when voters don't face unnecessary barriers to voting, so why would we make it more difficult? Our democracy must work for all of us and include all of us, no matter our race, age or zip code.

"I am also perplexed as to why we took up Assembly Bill 111 on the floor today. AB 111 is a drastic over-simplification of the municipal budgeting process. Each community has their own unique challenges and opportunities, and needs every available tool to meet those needs. This is yet another attempt to control local governments' ability to provide the services their communities need and deserve. We must support our local communities, not penalize them for doing the job for which they were elected."

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