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Kaufert Statement on Partisan Liberal Supreme Court Attempts to Relitigate Act 10

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MADISON – State Representative Dean Kaufert [R—Neenah] released the following statement in response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's partisan attempt to relitigate the constitutionality of Act 10, the 2011 law that reformed collective bargaining for public employees and has been upheld repeatedly in state and federal courts:

"After supposedly running on affordability, the veil has already been ripped off and Wisconsin Democrats first move after election victories in November is creating the largest property tax increase in state history. Act 10 is estimated to save local governments, school districts, and taxpayers **$2 Billion annually**. Its repeal will lead directly to massive property tax increases on families and small businesses across Wisconsin in favor of big partisan special interest groups in Madison. How do massive property tax increases year after year make life more affordable for Wisconsin families?"

"As one of a handful of Republicans that originally voted against Act 10 in 2011, I learned firsthand later as a Mayor how important Act 10 has become for local governments ability to provide needed municipal services efficiently and keep property taxes affordable for families in our state."

"Repealing Act 10 will be financially devastating and break the budgets of local municipalities and school districts, large and small, across the state. And even worse, it will crush families and homeowners around the state who are already struggling to afford the too-high property tax burden with new massive property tax increases without end."

"Nothing has legally changed in the 15 years since Act 10 was lawfully passed and upheld by the courts, except the new partisan makeup of our State Supreme Court. The new Democrat majorities have proven their top priority is to enrich their partisan Madison special interests instead of helping working families in Wisconsin. There's too much of that on both sides in government right now, which is one of the reasons I did not run for reelection again."

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