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Kaufert Slams Evers' Veto of Tax Relief for Middle- and Working-Class Wisconsin Families

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MADISON – State Representative Dean Kaufert [R—Neenah] issued the following statement today criticizing Governor Evers' veto of legislation to eliminate state income tax on tips and overtime wages in Wisconsin:

“While most Wisconsinites spent the weekend celebrating Easter with our families, Governor Evers unfortunately used it to veto legislation to eliminate state tax on overtime and tips for Wisconsin workers. At a time when many people are struggling with affordability and to make ends meet, Governor Evers just made it harder for them.”

“Thousands of workers around our state would have seen tax relief under these bills and gotten to keep more of their own hard-earned dollars to pay bills and invest in their own families. It represented a true middle class tax cut, which Governor Evers has always claimed to be in favor of. But when he had the chance to really help Wisconsin workers, he decided to play politics instead and veto this bipartisan legislation.”

“The Governor had even previously supported the No Tax on Tips policy when he included it in his state budget proposal last year... until he inexplicably did a full 180 flip-flop and vetoed it when he hoped no one would notice. Wow, what the heck is going on here, Governor?”

Evers vetoed Senate Bill 36 and Assembly Bill 461 Friday afternoon (April 3). The bills would have allowed up to \$12,500 of overtime pay, or the 'half' of time-and-a-half, and \$25,000 in tips to be tax deductible at the state level. Those amounts would match federal law.

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