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Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the Coalition to Repeal Wisconsin's Personal Property tax consisting of 56 statewide organizations which collectively represent nearly every business in Wisconsin, we encourage your co-sponsorship of LRB-1374/1 and 1228/1 relating to eliminating the personal property tax.

The legislation circulating fully repeals the personal property tax and reimburses municipalities using funds previously allocated in the 2021-2023 State Budget. Full repeal of the personal property tax is long overdue and we hope the Legislature will take this opportunity to finally put an end to this unfair and archaic tax.

The personal property tax has existed in Wisconsin longer than we have been a state, and even prior to Wisconsin becoming a territory in 1836. The first iteration of the personal property tax exempted \$75 worth of household items and over the past 180+ years, dozens of additional exemptions have been added. Today's personal property tax is a tax on furniture, fixtures and boats, and other random items, traditionally found in small and main street businesses, hence it is a "main street" tax.

The past few years have been extremely difficult for businesses dealing with the repercussions of the pandemic and the continually plaguing workforce issues. Full repeal of the personal property tax now would be a strong signal of support from the state to the business community.

Repeal of the personal property tax is an issue that affects businesses in your district, every constituent and family they employ and the communities in which they serve. Now is the time to repeal this tax and we are calling upon every legislator to co-sponsor this legislation and end this unfair taxation once and for all by fully repealing the tax.

We hope to see your name on the extensive and growing list of legislators that support full repeal of the personal property tax.

Sincerely,

