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Local Republican Legislators Unveil 2006 Agenda **Focus on Tax Relief, Jobs and Health Care**

MADISON – Wisconsin’s State Assembly will be focused on tax relief, job growth and affordable health care in the coming weeks, according to several local Assembly Republican Representatives. The legislators unveiled their 2006 agenda on Monday.

“Job growth in Wisconsin has strengthened thanks to our tax cuts and streamlining government regulations, but we won’t sit back and rest,” Representative Donald Friske (R – Merrill) said. “We need to continue our efforts to ensure Wisconsin is the greatest place to do business.”

Among the proposals likely to be taken up by the Assembly in 2006:

- Wisconsin Taxpayer Protection Act, to provide constitutional limits on government spending;
- Bills to end Wisconsin’s capital gains tax and death tax;
- A measure to provide incentives aimed at growing the bio-tech industry;
- Capitalizing on Wisconsin’s strengths in technology by retaining and attracting small engine manufacturers in Wisconsin by creating better research and development tax credits in Wisconsin than offered in neighbor states

“Our jobs agenda focuses on removing obstacles which discourage economic development, reducing our tax structure and creating new tax incentives for manufacturing and high tech job creation in Wisconsin,” Representative Scott Suder (R – Abbotsford) said. “Assembly Republicans are moving Wisconsin forward by protecting taxpayers and creating incentives for job creation that work.”

Representative Mary Williams (R – Medford) said health care costs continue to rise for Wisconsin’s working families, and that the Assembly will take up bills aimed at making the health care system more affordable while making it easier for consumers to make informed decisions.

“We’ll pass reforms allowing patients easier access to information about their doctors and more access to information about costs and quality of health care,” Williams said. “Health care decisions are often difficult, stressful and some of the most important decisions people will ever make, so we will ensure patients have the information they need.”

Friske said the Assembly will also pass bills to provide incentives to attract new physicians to rural and under-served areas of Wisconsin.

“We need to do all we can to make Wisconsin an even better place to work, raise a family and retire,” Friske said. “The people of Wisconsin are demanding leadership in their government and our 2006 agenda goes a long way toward accomplishing those goals, and that’s why these common sense measures have such strong public support.”

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