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State Representative ◆ 57th Assembly District

February 11, 2016

Donald Merkes, Mayor
City of Menasha
140 Main St
Menasha, WI 54952-3151

Dear Mayor Merkes,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about Assembly Bill (AB) 750 and for the details about the impact this bill would have on the City of Menasha, which eliminates the property tax on personal property. I always appreciate hearing from local elected officials in my district about the important issues facing the Fox Valley Community and the State of Wisconsin.

This bill eliminates the property tax on personal property beginning in 2020, an important revenue source for local and county governments. The bill also eliminates, in 2016, the state aid payments to taxing jurisdictions. AB 750 removes the ability for local governments to be able to pay their bills. It is a double blow to local autonomy that both eliminates local government's ability to raise revenue and removes state funding. I appreciate your concern for the City of Menasha, unfortunately your community wouldn't be the only city that would suffer devastating losses from this bill. Luckily this bill has not been voted out of committee yet and appears to be going nowhere fast, and with session coming rapidly to an end it seems unlikely that this bill will move forward. I do not support this bill and should it reach the floor of the Assembly, I will certainly vote against it. I will continue to oppose legislation that makes it harder for Local governments in the Fox Valley to survive, thrive, and to provide the vital services needed by their residents.

Thank you again for contacting me with your concerns about AB 750 and its devastating effects on the City of Menasha. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns that you might have about issues impacting the State of Wisconsin and our Fox Cities Community. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Amanda Stuck
State Representative
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