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Darling Statement on Budget Repair Bill

MADISON . . . State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement today on the budget repair bill:

“Today’s short-term, short-sighted ‘solution’ missed an opportunity to get our fiscal house in order. Instead of really solving the problem by actually cutting spending, the Senate relied on borrowing, bonding and refinancing.

“A slowing economy already foreshadows a \$1.7 billion deficit in the next budget. The state will not see the 7% revenue growth needed to avoid that budget gap. By not making tough spending decisions today, the state budget is set up for more shortfalls tomorrow. Credit card spending and accounting tricks don’t solve recurring budget deficits. Spending cuts do.

“While the people of Wisconsin are at their kitchen tables today making tough decisions about their family budgets, the Senate is putting off its own tough decisions for another day. It is irresponsible to make our children and grandchildren pay our bills.

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