

2019-2021 Budget Request

Tax Exemption for Small Business and Agriculture Loans

Issue:

Small businesses play a critical role in the U.S. economy. According to Federal Reserve Board data, small businesses employ approximately one-half of all Americans and account for about 60 percent of gross job creation. The goal of the Access Better Credit budget provision is to help stimulate additional credit availability and job creation through the U.S. banking system, with a focus on promoting small business lending. This would create a tax exemption for loans under \$10 million that are for small business and agricultural purposes.

Message:

Please support this item and contact the Governor's office to urge its inclusion in the 2019-2021 budget.

Talking Points:

- This proposal will generate nearly a quarter billion dollars worth of lending capacity at Wisconsin banks.
- While major tax legislation has passed on the federal level, Wisconsin would be leading the way on tax reform on the state level as the first state to adopt this tax provision.
- This proposal will provide increased access to cheaper credit for small businesses and farmers in an increasing interest rate environment.