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Coladipietro Disappointed by Democrat's Reckless Spending

Democrat Budget Would Increase Spending by Billions & Place the State in Further Debt

Springfield ... Without identifying how they intend to pay for the increased spending, State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) today rejected a grossly unbalanced Democrat budget which recklessly increases state spending by \$2 billion.

Coladipietro noted that the budget simply doesn't add up. The proposed Democrat budget does not address \$1.7 billion in unpaid bills, most of which is owed to doctors and hospitals who treat Medicaid patients, and a \$500 million hole in the current budget.

"This budget is just a cruel hoax on our school districts and social service agencies who believe that they will receive the increase in state funding. This budget is a fantasy. There are only two ways the Democrats can fund this budget, raise taxes or not follow through on their promises." Rep. Coladipietro added, "The Democrats have a history of not delivering on their promises. Five years later and school districts across this state are still waiting to collect on millions of promised school construction dollars."

State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) stated that the state should live within its means and more importantly not raise taxes on the hardworking families in this state.

"I'm truly disappointed by the Democrat budget this year. We've been in session since January and the Democrat Speaker, Senate President and Governor have never met together to really address the major budget issues facing this state. We have an ever expanding Medicaid program that the state can not afford, high property taxes and a broken mechanism of funding education," said Rep. Coladipietro. "The only thing that the legislature gets to vote on is a last-minute, "band-aid budget" that just pushes these problems into the future. I wish the Democrat leadership had the political will to honestly deal with these issues and not blindly pass them onto further generations."

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