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Theron takes on the train

Peter Theron, candidate for Wisconsin's Second Congressional District, proposed today a change in transportation funding to make it easier to kill wasteful transportation projects, while ensuring that truly vital work continues.

Theron stated, "Now is not the time for a project as ill-conceived as the Madison to Milwaukee highway-speed train. It will waste taxpayer dollars and needlessly bisect communities. It will disrupt the lives of many for the benefit of few."

Theron said, "Currently if local government cancels a federally funded project, all federal money spent on the project to that point must be repaid. This discourages local officials from shutting down unnecessary projects. In times of plenty we could afford such waste. However, with our massive federal debt, we must encourage local governments to continue only vital projects."

Theron concluded, "That is why I am proposing that Congress drop the continuing-effort string. Canceling a project would then require no payback. Further to ensure that only vital projects are continued, I propose that federal transportation funding be converted from grants to loans. These loans would have to be paid back over the life of the project. This would end the illusion that federal money is somehow free."

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