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Echo Van Meteren released the following statement regarding the Kansas Senate's failure to override the Governor's veto of HB 2036:

"After an overwhelming bi-partisan majority in the Kansas House of Representatives voted to override Governor Laura Kelly's veto of HB 2036, the measure fell short of an override by a single vote in the Kansas Senate.

Make no mistake, that vote belonged to Jeff Pittman.

After initially signaling support for returning at least a small portion of the state's massive budget surplus to the taxpayers, whose money it is, Mr. Pittman – more than any other Kansas legislator – now owns the reality that Kansas residents will get nothing. In walking back his earlier promised support for tax cuts and reform, Mr. Pittman stated yesterday that he trusts the Governor more than his constituents to manage their own money.

Though he masquerades as a moderate for the voters back home, Jeff Pittman once again demonstrated that, at the end of the day, he's all about the party. This vote was just the latest example in Party Boy Pittman's long record of turning his back on his own constituents when pressure from radical, far-left leaders of the Democratic Party is brought to bear. To keep the dark money flowing in from Joe Biden's shady national donors, Mr. Pittman chose his own well-being over what's best for just about every resident of District 5:

Veterans? Shafted.

Property Owners? Screwed.

Seniors forced to surrender part of their monthly Social Security check to the state? Abandoned.

Even those who fancy eating once in a while didn't escape the impact of Mr. Pittman's vote against them.

Like the leader of his party, America's glassy-eyed Mumbler-in-Chief, I fully expect Mr. Pittman to try to convince voters that he's on both sides of this issue. But at the end of the day, he has demonstrated with absolute clarity that he's all about the party and is perfectly willing to sacrifice what's best for average Kansans to ensure that his own political fortunes are protected."

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