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Evers campaign: Former Lieutenant Gov. Lawton endorses Evers for Governor

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Madison, Wisconsin – Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Schools and Democratic candidate for Governor, is proud to announce the endorsement of former Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton. “I see in Tony Evers the leader who will restore our confidence in state government to fulfill its role to support citizens’ success and fulfillment in their lives. I am proud and excited to endorse Tony for Governor,” said Lawton.

“I know the demands of our state’s top executive firsthand, and what is necessary to do it well. We need a leader with proven wisdom, patience for the importantly deliberative quality of the democratic process, and respect for the assets we have built together —like our public education systems including pre-K through the UW and Wisconsin Technical College System. We need an executive that prioritizes laws and precedents protecting our land, air, and water while respecting citizens who are facing increasingly complex challenges in the most rural and urban settings alike,” Lawton said.

Barbara Lawton served as Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin from 2003 to 2011. The Capital Times once called her “the boldest and most active Lieutenant Governor in state history.” As Lieutenant Governor, Lawton took on issues ranging from economic development to climate change to campaign reform. After leaving government, Lawton served as President and CEO of Americans for Campaign

Reform, and then co-founded Issue One, a national non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to political reform and government ethics to strengthen our democracy.

“There is no one else on the horizon running for governor in Tony’s league. He knows that path from school to work, from dreams to building Wisconsin-owned businesses and creating higher-paying jobs for all of us across Wisconsin. He knows what it will take to set our state back on course to lead in this nation,” Lawton concluded.

Tony Evers won three statewide elections as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, winning 70 of 72 counties in his last election with 70 percent of the vote. Evers has been educating our kids his entire career as a science teacher, high school principal and school district superintendent. As State Superintendent, Evers is responsible for over 70,000 educators and 860,000 students. Evers is proud to be the father of three children and six grandchildren, raising his family in Plymouth, Baraboo, Tomah, Oakfield, Omro, Oshkosh and Verona.

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