

# AFP-Wisconsin: Statement on budget

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**Madison, Wis.** – Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin (AFP-WI) released the following statement as the Wisconsin Senate debated the biennial state budget. The group highlighted improvements made to the budget first proposed by Governor Evers in February, which would have [restricted educational freedom](#), [repealed numerous pro-growth labor reforms](#), and increased taxes. AFP-WI believes the budget could yet be improved but applauds the legislature for the reforms it was able to secure.

**AFP-WI State Director Eric Bott issued the following statement:**

“This budget is a marked improvement on what Gov. Evers proposed, which would have undone many of the pro-growth reforms of the last several years and put at risk much of the economic gains Wisconsinites currently enjoy. We thank our activists for sparing no effort in contacting their lawmakers and encouraging them to help keep Wisconsin moving in the right direction.”

**AFP-WI applauded the Assembly for removing Gov. Evers’s most egregious proposals, including:**

- Attacks on worker freedom, including a repeal of Right to Work and the restoration of prevailing wage laws and project labor agreements.
- A costly Medicaid expansion, which would threaten the program's ability to provide for Wisconsin's most needy.
- Restrictions on educational opportunity programs, including the Parental Choice Program, Special Needs Scholarship Program, and independent public charter school programs.
- More than \$1 billion in tax hikes on small businesses, retirees, and other Wisconsinites.
- Large gas tax increase, indexed to inflation.

AFP-WI also thanked the Assembly for removing a provision added by the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC), which would have granted the committee the sole authority to track Wisconsinites' driving and impose a new mileage-based fee. AFP-WI activists had been calling and emailing their elected officials in recent days demanding that the provision be stripped.

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Through broad-based grassroots outreach, *Americans for Prosperity (AFP)* is driving long-term solutions to the country's biggest problems. AFP activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and encourage them to take an active role in building a culture of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping one another. AFP recruits and unites Wisconsinites behind a common goal of advancing policies that will help people improve their lives. *For more information, visit [www.-  
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