

Gov. Evers: Statement on JFC action

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MADISON — Following is a statement from Gov. Tony Evers on today's Joint Committee on Finance action.

"Folks voted for a change in November. They want us to bring Wisconsin's federal tax dollars back into our state to invest in healthcare for all Wisconsinites and they want to see Democrats and Republicans work together to get it done.

"But all we hear from Republicans is 'no'. They refuse to listen to the will of the people or work together and Wisconsinites will pay the price. Today Republicans took a fiscally irresponsible and morally reprehensible vote to blow a \$1.4 billion hole in The People's Budget.

"Every Republican must be held accountable for their decisions on healthcare, not just here in the Capitol, but back in their communities. They need to go back home and explain to moms in Rock County why Republicans won't support our efforts to improve maternal health or address rising infant mortality rates. They need to tell families in central Wisconsin and around the state why they won't invest in mental health and substance use disorder treatment that would help curb the opioid epidemic. They need to explain to folks in Horicon and Juneau that Dodge County is going to miss out on \$26 million in new healthcare investment, including more funding for programs like SeniorCare and Family Care. They need to let people in communities like Reedsburg and Richland Center know that they voted against funding to expand access to dental care for kids, seniors, and people with disabilities.

"Today's vote was disappointing but it's not the end. I'm going to keep reminding Wisconsinites what's at stake and I'm going to keep fighting to expand Medicaid."