

Protect Our Care: Sen. Marklein blocks Badgercare, \$101 million in direct healthcare investments in his own district

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MADISON, WI – Today, the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee voted down a key budget provision proposed by Gov. Tony Evers. Republicans—including Sen. Howard Marklein—voted to remove the funding for a Badgercare expansion from the state’s budget.

Adopting the proposal would bring more than **[\\$1.6 Billion](#)** in direct healthcare investment to Wisconsin, making a significant impact in individual communities across the state.

For example, in counties that make up Sen. Marklein’s district alone, new investments, funded by federal tax dollars their constituents already paid, would include;

- **[\\$6 Million](#) for the district’s hospitals**
- **[\\$3.9 Million](#) for long term care**
- **[\\$2.1 Million](#) for dental care**
- **[\\$2.2 Million](#) for behavioral health**

- [\\$2.3](#) Million for combating childhood lead poisoning

All in all, Sen. Marklein today voted NO on a total of **\$101 million for his own district**, choosing to side with Republican Party bosses in Madison rather than his constituents in Senate District 17.