

# Rep. August: Statement on Gov. Evers divisive budget proposal

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*Evers rejects bipartisanship in favor of liberal agenda to raise taxes and balloon government.*

Madison...Representative Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva) released the following statement in reaction to Governor Tony Evers budget proposal:

“Although Governor Evers has talked about working together, his actions prove otherwise. Tonight’s budget address was a missed opportunity for bipartisanship. Governor Evers has rejected our olive branch by proposing a budget that is full of radical liberal ideas. It is clear that he is more interested in politics than governing. I am particularly alarmed by the enormous cost to taxpayers that would result from this unnecessary expansion of government. When a budget starts with a surplus, it makes no sense to increase the tax burden on families and job creators.

Below are a handful of bad ideas that I vehemently oppose, which must be rejected:

- \$500 million tax increase on job-creators and farmers
- Vastly expanding welfare programs, which already comprise 1/3 of the state budget
- Providing driver’s licenses and taxpayer-funded in-state tuition perks to all illegal aliens
- Backdoor legalization of recreational marijuana use
- Restoring taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood

I look forward to working with my colleagues to craft a budget in the coming months that reflects the values of the constituents I represent instead of just a liberal wish list for those in Madison. Our budget will reflect the values and needs of everyday Wisconsinites, not special interests in Madison.