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Rep. Nygren and Sen. Darling: Co-chairs guide Wisconsin budget to Governor Evers

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Madison–The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) and Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), released the following statement following the passage of the budget out of both houses of the Legislature:

“When Governor Evers introduced his budget, one thing was very clear: our state couldn’t afford it. It spent too much, it taxed too much, and it borrowed too much. He spent our record surplus and billions more. The Governor wanted to increase spending by $1,000 for every resident in the state, he raised taxes by more than one billion dollars, and eliminated reforms that led to our strong economy. His plan wasn’t just unsustainable, it was irresponsible.

Over the last few months, we have listened to folks from all over the state, we did our homework, and made sure we crafted a budget that benefits everyone in Wisconsin, not just a couple of counties. We made the Wisconsin budget better. Where the Governor’s budget was lacking, we stepped up and made it better.

From historic investments in K-12 education, targeted investments in healthcare, fixing our roads, and continuing to protect taxpayers, the Wisconsin budget is responsible and sustainable. It protects our shared values and moves our state forward.

Wisconsinites deserve to take pride in their budget, and we believe this budget gives them just that. We made targeted investments in people, not programs. We strongly encourage Governor Evers to find the common ground in this budget.

Vetoing the bill in its entirety would have dire consequences for the millions of people throughout our state.”

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