

# WisDEMs: Will Sen. Testin flip flop on farmers again?

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MADISON - During his State of the State Address, Gov. Evers called for a Rural Prosperity Special Session to address the dairy crisis in Wisconsin and help rural communities succeed. The Governor's call to action comes at a time when Republicans refuse to address Wisconsin's alarming spike in farm bankruptcies and suicide rates. Insecurity for family farms was further escalated after Republicans rejected the appointment of Brad Pfaff as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

"Months after rejecting Brad Pfaff as DATCP Secretary, farmers fear that Republicans like Senator Testin will once again turn their backs on the dairy crisis in Wisconsin," said SSDC Executive Director Katie Iliff. "Senator Testin has a pattern of siding with party bosses in Madison rather than voting for what's best for local families. His constant flip flopping has proven he can't be trusted to do what's right for our family farms and rural communities."

Governor Tony Evers' initial budget proposal included initiatives to support farmers such as Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin, Farm to School, Dairy Processor Grants, and additional county conservation positions. Senator Testin and his Republican colleagues rejected these proposals and opted instead to prioritize more tax breaks for wealthy donors and out-of-state corporations.