

WisDems: Wisconsin Democrats issue statement after Governor Evers announces full budget proposal

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(MADISON) — This evening, Gov. Evers introduced his entire biennial budget for 2021-2023. The budget addresses issues including cost of prescription drugs, childcare, mental health services, recreational marijuana, criminal justice reform and more. Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler issued this statement of support:

“More than a year after Covid came to American shores, the pandemic is still raging, and Wisconsin’s hardworking families and small businesses are still fighting every day to adapt and make ends meet. But there’s light at the end of the tunnel, and Governor Evers’ budget lays out a clear plan for our state to bounce back stronger than ever.

The Governor’s budget makes critical investments to get small businesses back on their feet and get Wisconsinites back to work. It also addresses obstacles that have been making it harder for Wisconsin families to get by since well before the current crisis. Governor Evers’ budget would help control skyrocketing healthcare costs, expand access for mental health and substance use treatment, protect our natural resources, and make our criminal justice system both smarter and fairer.

As the Governor said tonight, this budget is a roadmap—not back to where we were before the pandemic, but to a brighter future for all Wisconsinites no matter where they live, how they vote, or the color of their skin. The only question now is whether Republicans in the Legislature are ready to stop playing politics and start working

together to solve problems.”