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*Legislative Fiscal Bureau Estimates GOP Lawmakers Spent Millions Suing To End Mask Mandate and COVID-19 Protections, Defending Gerrymandering*

MADISON, Wis. — According to a new report from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, GOP lawmakers have spent [\\$8.5 million](#) in taxpayer dollars on lawsuits over the past three years. The [lawsuits](#) include suing to end the mask mandate and other COVID-19 protections, remove pandemic-era voting protections, and defend gerrymandered maps.

GOP lawmakers have wasted even more taxpayer dollars on their political priorities this year – rejecting [\\$1.6 billion](#) from the federal government for expanding BadgerCare and putting an additional [\\$2.3 billion](#) at risk for failing to invest in our schools.

“Wisconsin Republicans need to get their priorities straight,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Kayla Anderson**. “They’ll spend millions on lawsuits seeking to hurt Wisconsinites, strip them of their voting rights, remove pandemic protections, and defend a partisan redistricting process – but they won’t spend a dime on affordable health care or adequate education funding. Wisconsinites don’t want their taxpayer dollars wasted on politically-motivated lawsuits. It’s time for the legislature to put people above partisanship and get back to work passing the governor’s Badger Bounceback agenda.”

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