

WisDems: Rebecca Kleefisch & Republican leaders are against lowering costs & expanding child care

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MADISON, Wis. — Since Governor Tony Evers announced his common sense surplus plan that will help families address rising costs, support small businesses, expand child care, and improve education quality, Rebecca Kleefisch and Republican leaders have shown they would rather put partisan politics ahead of what's right for Wisconsin.

Today, Republican legislative leaders said again that [they want to hold the state's record-breaking budget surplus hostage for a year or more](#) because they'd rather work with a Republican governor. Rebecca Kleefisch has previously said that Gov. Evers' plan is a "[non-starter](#)" — once again showing that Kleefisch and Republican leaders have no interest in helping parents or lowering costs.

Here's what Rebecca Kleefisch and Republican leaders are against:

- Gov. Evers' plan helps families by delivering a \$150 tax rebate to every tax filer and each of their dependents this year.
- Gov. Evers' plan helps lower costs by expanding the Child and Dependent Care Credit.
- Gov. Evers' plan creates a new Caregiver Tax Credit — [which AARP Wisconsin supports because it helps families and saves the state money by investing in caregivers.](#)
- Gov. Evers' plan will improve education quality and provide property tax relief by investing nearly \$750 million in public schools.

With a [record-breaking budget surplus](#) and the [lowest unemployment rate in state history](#), Gov. Evers' surplus plan is what's right for Wisconsin families, businesses, and schools.

Since taking office, Gov. Evers has signed a [15% tax cut for middle-class families](#) and [delivered half a billion dollars in tax cuts for small businesses](#). But with rising costs, Wisconsinites deserve their surplus now — not a year or more from now.

“Rebecca Kleefisch and Republican leaders are against lowering costs, helping small businesses, and doing what’s best for families,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director Iris Riis. “This is the people of Wisconsin’s surplus, not Kleefisch and Republican leaders’ surplus, and it should not be collecting dust in Madison. Gov. Evers’ common sense surplus plan will lower costs, support small businesses, expand child care, and improve education quality.”