

# Wisconsin Dairy Alliance, Venture Dairy Cooperative: Thank budget committee for standing up for farmers

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**May 2, 2023** – Today, Wisconsin’s Joint Finance Committee, charged with crafting Wisconsin’s Biennial Budget voted on a party line to strip out policy items that would have increased fees for some dairy farmers and made it easier for these farms to be targets of anti-agriculture activists.

“We thank the members of Joint Finance who voted to remove these problematic, anti-farmer, provisions from Governor Evers’ budget proposal. The last thing farmers need is higher fees, especially as the programs these fees support need significant reform. It helps no one to throw good money at bad programs or policy,” said Kim Bremmer, Executive Director of Venture Dairy Cooperative.

“Part of farming is running a business, and farmers not only care about agricultural policy, but also feel impacts of workforce shortages and high taxes. We applaud Joint Finance for removing provisions that would have also increased property taxes, increased insurance costs and limited education freedom for students and families,” said Cindy Leitner, President of Wisconsin Dairy Alliance.