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### **Rep. Stubbs Applauds Governor Evers Commitment to Equity in State Budget**

MADISON, WI - Governor Tony Evers introduced the People's budget tonight. In his budget address, Governor Tony Evers announced a range of initiatives aimed to improve Wisconsin's standing as being among one of the worst states to raise a Black child. From acknowledging and addressing our immoral infant and maternal mortality disparities to helping families separated by our corrections systems, Governor Evers sent a clear message tonight that he is committed to equity in our state. Rep. Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

"Tonight Governor Tony Evers introduced a budget that creates a Wisconsin that works for everyone—a Wisconsin for us. It is truly a people's document that prioritizes the needs of children, families, and communities across Wisconsin. It includes expanding Medicaid, ensuring Wisconsinites have accessible and affordable healthcare. The People's budget budget also provides working class families with \$400 million in tax relief to help stimulate our economy," Rep. Stubbs said.

"I am especially inspired to work with Governor Evers on the 'Healthy Women, Healthy Babies,' initiative. As we all know, Wisconsin one of the worst states to raise a black child. The 'Healthy Women, Healthy Babies,' initiative addresses the root causes of our immoral disparities in infant and maternal mortality, by investing in the home nurse visiting program and expanding access to doulas. For too long, Black women have been neglected and traumatized by Wisconsin. This initiative is a crucial step in changing that reality"

"Moreover, in the People's budget, Governor Evers proposed historic investments in our K12 and higher education systems. Make no mistake, Democrats in Wisconsin are prioritizing students. From restoring two-thirds funding to public education and the 'Improving Achievement and Expanding Excellence in Urban School Districts' initiative, this commitment to public education will help our educators and students achieve and thrive in Wisconsin, especially for our educators and students of color."

"Above all else, the People's budget connects the dots. We must rise above politics and get address the pressing issues facing our state. Let's get to work."

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