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People Turn Out to Support Governor Evers' "People's Budget"

The Joint Finance Committee kicks off budget listening tour in Janesville

JANESVILLE – Today, Rep. Chris Taylor joined her colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee for their first public hearing on Governor Tony Evers' biennial budget, which was crafted with the direct input of Wisconsinites throughout the state. This budget makes critical investments in K-12 education by restoring two-thirds state funding to our public schools and investing an additional \$600 million in special education, in public health by accepting federal Medicaid expansion monies to provide health care to 82,000 more Wisconsinites, and in our state's beautiful natural environment by funding efforts to remediate contaminated water.

Members of the Joint Finance Committee heard from educators, superintendents, disability advocates, county public health officials, high school students, public school advocates, seniors, parents, health care providers, and immigrant advocacy groups who overwhelmingly support this budget and the needed investments it makes in every Wisconsin community. One thing is clear—this is a budget that reflects the needs and wants of the people.

In response, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

"Governor Evers took the time to listen to people all across Wisconsin at his public listening sessions in December, and it shows. After listening to public testimony today, it is clear that after 8 years of cut and gut budgeting by Republicans Wisconsinites are ready for a Governor and a budget that invests in them—their roads, their schools, their health care, and their communities," said Rep. Chris Taylor. "Everyone has been doing more with less for far too long. We see that in the clean drinking water crisis, in the stagnant wages that limit hardworking Wisconsinites from getting ahead, in the classrooms of our public schools and universities, in the potholes that fill our morning commutes, and in the tragic health and educational disparities between black and white families.

I am thrilled by the public's response to the Governor's budget, but not surprised. We knew the public was ready for new leadership in Wisconsin and today's hearing was just further evidence that Governor Evers is working for the people and with the people to move Wisconsin forward."

For more information regarding the Joint Finance Committee's public hearing schedule can be found here: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/raw/cid/1490348>