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Governor Evers Supports Vast Majority of Republican WISCONSIN Budget

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

“Today, Governor Evers signed the WISCONSIN Budget. Over the last few months Republicans in the Legislature held over 200 listening sessions and crafted a budget that reflects the priorities and values shared in every corner of Wisconsin. The WISCONSIN budget made historic investments in healthcare, transportation, education, and passed a middle class tax cut.”

“Wisconsinites have strongly urged Governor Evers to support the crucial funding increases made by Republicans. I am glad to see that their calls of support have not fallen on deaf ears. Make no mistake, the budget signed by Governor Evers is the Legislature's budget. The majority of provisions touted by Governor Evers today came directly from Republicans. All of which, we were able to do without expanding welfare, or raising taxes as he had proposed.”

“With that said, I am disappointed that Governor Evers has chosen to use his veto pen to limit drug testing and work requirements for those on welfare. At a time of record low unemployment and increasing wages, the last thing we should do is incentivize welfare. Overwhelmingly, Wisconsinites support drug testing for those receiving valuable taxpayer dollars. The need to protect the taxpayers is now more urgent than ever.”

“Additionally, I am concerned in Governor Evers decision to remove oversight and collaboration in the development of a hub-and-spoke treatment model for substance abuse. As the former Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse, I worked extensively with numerous stakeholders and The Pew Charitable Trusts to create a blueprint for hub-and-spoke in Wisconsin. The Governor's budget as proposed was vague and lacking details on the development of this treatment system. Our actions would have fostered a more detailed discussion on the implementation of this important initiative. In what has historically been a broadly bipartisan issue, Governor Evers action has now made it divisive. I hope that Governor Evers will work with treatment experts and interested parties in developing this treatment delivery model.”

“The people of Wisconsin should be proud of the budget presented by Republicans. It reflects the priorities of hardworking families across Wisconsin. We invested in the people, not government programs in Madison. I am happy to see that our work in the Legislature will make a real difference for millions of Wisconsinites.”