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Wisconsin Laborers' District Council Statement on Governor Evers' 2021-23 Budget Proposal

DeForest, WI – The Wisconsin Laborers' District Council thanks Governor Evers on prioritizing funding and policies that support Wisconsin's workers.

"The Governor's last budget was a down payment on investing in Wisconsin's workers, and now Governor Evers' 2021-23 budget expands on these investments," said John Schmitt, President/Business Manager of the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council.

Governor Evers' 2021-23 budget proposal includes the enumeration of the I-94 E/W corridor in Milwaukee. "Rebuilding the I-94 E/W corridor will play an important role in our economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic by creating up to 10,000 good-paying, family-supporting jobs that will contribute to careers working in the trades. It also means that this stretch of interstate that was originally constructed in the 1960's will be upgraded to be safer and reduce congestion."

Governor Evers' budget also calls for the reinstatement of the state's prevailing wage laws. "We can easily see that repealing the state's prevailing wage laws during the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennial budgets was a huge mistake for Wisconsin's workers and contractors. All it did was make it easier for out-of-state contractors to bring cut-rate, lesser trained crews into our state to take taxpayer funds and bring them back to wherever they came from. Prevailing wage laws help make sure that skilled and well-trained Wisconsin workers and Wisconsin contractors win taxpayer funded projects and keep that money in-state. We thank the Governor for his leadership on this important issue for Wisconsin construction workers and their families."

The Wisconsin Laborers' District Council is an affiliation of five Laborer local unions, representing nearly 9,000 construction craft laborers throughout Wisconsin. The Laborers are the most diverse trade in the construction industry servicing employers in transportation infrastructure, building, sewer and water, utility distribution, demolition, asbestos removal and related sectors.

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