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**Wisconsin Pork Association Thanks Governor Evers for Commitment to
Strengthening Local Meat Processing in Wisconsin**

MADISON, WI—The Wisconsin Pork Association thanks Governor Evers for including in his 2021-23 biennial budget proposal several essential programs that will support and improve Wisconsin's local, state-inspected meat processing infrastructure.

Governor Evers's budget creates a meat processor grant program aimed at assisting processors with expanding and modernizing their operations. He includes a workforce grant program that would assist with recruiting and training employees into the meat processing field. The proposal also provides for critical increases to state meat inspectors by adding six full time positions over the biennium at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

"During the height of the pandemic last spring, we saw how fragile our state-inspected meat plants and local meat food supply chain is in Wisconsin," said **Jim Magolski, President of the Wisconsin Pork Association**.

"We truly appreciate the support of Governor Evers and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for strengthening our local meat food supply chain and we thank them for their commitment to Wisconsin livestock agriculture."

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The Wisconsin Pork Association is the primary source for representing the state's pork industry, known for its commitment to enhancing the success of all sizes and types of production in the state, as well as that of the businesses that support those producers.