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## Forward Wisconsin: Winning a Budget for Wisconsin's Working Families

Assembly Democratic members of the Joint Committee on Finance to host series of action meetings to engage Wisconsinites in the State Budget process

MADISON – Today, the Assembly Democratic Members of the Joint Committee on Finance launched Forward Wisconsin, an initiative to educate and engage the public in the 2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget. State Representatives Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) and Greta Neubauer (D-Racine), along with their Democratic Assembly colleagues and various organizations, will host Forward Wisconsin's virtual Budget Action Meetings every Wednesday throughout the month of March.

Following the launch of this new public engagement initiative, Rep. Goyke and Rep. Neubauer offered the following remarks:

"One of the best parts of being members of the Joint Committee on Finance is hearing from people all over Wisconsin about their budget priorities and where they want to see state dollars go. Budgets are moral documents and where we invest our tax dollars matters."

"Wisconsinites deserve a budget that puts them first. In order to win a budget for working families, we need people from across the state to engage in this process. Forward Wisconsin creates a safe opportunity for Wisconsinites to not only weigh in on the budget, but to also take action and be able to advocate for issues that matter to them and their neighbors."

The first virtual budget action meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm, focusing on healthcare policy in the budget. Future meetings will take place every Wednesday in March at 7:00 pm. Registration will be live for each meeting one week in advance. A full schedule of budget action meetings and topics is available below:

March 3 at 7pm: Healthcare (Register to attend here).

March 10 at 7pm: Education and Childcare

March 17 at 7pm: Criminal Justice Reform and Democracy March 24 at 7pm: Climate, Environment and Equal Rights

March 31 at 7pm: Economy and Infrastructure

To register for Budget Action Meetings, sign up for updates, or take action in support of a Wisconsin Budget that works for Wisconsin's working families, visit <a href="www.ForwardWisc.com">www.ForwardWisc.com</a>, and follow Forward Wisconsin on social media on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>.