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Governor Evers Proposed Budget Would Hurt Wisconsinites

Madison, WI — Senator Chris Kapenga (R - Delafield) issued the following statement:

"Governor Evers released a budget very similar to his last budget—a budget stuffed with tax increases, higher spending, and non-fiscal policy. Let's remember that had Republicans not removed all the special interest spending and excessive increases in 2019, we'd be facing a massive budget deficit right now instead of a \$2.1 billion surplus and a strong rainy day fund.

"Something we can agree upon is the continuation of the UW tuition freeze. I'm proud to be a part of the CPA Caucus that discovered the slush fund that led to the implementation of the tuition freeze that has provided a tremendous cost savings for families and students.

"This pandemic isn't over, and now is not the time to increase spending. We need a responsible budget that is good for Wisconsin in these uncertain times. A budget that won't kick families when they're down by taking more dollars out of their pockets, but will instead help everyone fully recover in the aftermath of economic hardship.

"Republicans will once again govern responsibly and sift out the excess until we have a budget that is good for Wisconsin. One that will continue to provide a strong fiscal future for our state. And be prepared for whatever challenges or opportunities come next."

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Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.