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Gov. Evers Saves Food Assistance for Wisconsin Families

MADISON – Madison – Today, Governor Tony Evers announced that his administration reached a deal with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to preserve \$70 million per month in food assistance funding for Wisconsin families.

“This is an important deal Governor Evers delivered for the people of Wisconsin. This pandemic had devastating impacts on low-income households, and saving federal food assistance dollars was critical in helping Wisconsinites make ends meet during this pandemic,” said Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton).

Last month, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a 4-3 ruling on the *Fabick v. Evers* case striking down Governor Evers’ emergency order related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This ruling jeopardized additional emergency food assistance allotments from the USDA tied to states issuing emergency declarations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Wisconsin Supreme Court decision not only threatened the public health of our state by issuing their ruling, but they effectively took food assistance away from those who need it most. I’m glad Governor Evers put people ahead of politics to ensure Wisconsin can continue to receive millions in food assistance,” continued Hesselbein.

The Evers Administration developed an agreement with the USDA/FNS to accept a declaration by DHS Secretary-designee Timberlake to obtain federal approval and secure these continued benefits.

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