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## A Tale of Two Budgets

*Assembly GOP Plan Approves Record Breaking Investments and Tax Cut*

**Madison** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement on Friday in response to the Joint Finance Committee concluding meetings on the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget:

“This biennium’s fiscal process truly represents a tale of two budgets. While Gov. Evers presented a budget with more out of control spending coupled with increased taxes, Republican leadership on the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) was able to craft an outstanding package that meets Wisconsin’s needs while cutting both income AND property taxes, focused largely on our state’s middle class.

“While I will admit to my skepticism when our state entered the biennial budget process this session, the Republican-led JFC was able to craft a budget that delivers on our promises. Some of the features with which I am most pleased include:

- Increased funding for long-term care facilities and caregiver workforce
- More local road funding and state highway rehabilitation
- Increased funding for youth apprenticeships, employment opportunities for those with disabilities, and expanded assistance for veterans seeking employment
- Targeted funding for special education and student mental health
- Reaching the commitment Assembly Republicans made to work with the governor on achieving 2/3 funding for public schools
- All while returning \$3.4 billion to Wisconsin taxpayers, averaging over \$1,000 savings for the typical family

“Another phenomenal shot in arm that we are providing for our small businesses is removing the Personal Property Tax entirely. Republicans are building on the strong trends we have implemented in previous years’ budgets and will continue to help Wisconsinites instead of continuing to exacerbate the difficulties cause by the pandemic.”

The GOP-led budget also includes an increase to the child tax credit, exempts active-duty military income, and doubles the amount in the Rainy Day Fund overall putting our state on a firm footing.

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