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Statement on Governor Evers' Executive Budget Proposal by Steve Breitlow, Business Manager, Plumbers Local 75

Plumbers Local Union 75 applauds Governor Tony Evers for introducing a budget that addresses the challenges facing Wisconsin families and communities and invests a historic surplus in vital and lasting improvements.

The Governor's investment in replacing lead service lines is imperative to ensuring safe drinking water for all communities. Plumbers 75 is ready, willing, and able to ensure these projects are completed efficiently and effectively to protect the health and well-being of residents across Wisconsin.

Governor Evers' proposed \$1.2 billion middle class tax cuts, investments in education, child care, mental health, and the vital services provided by local government like police and fire protection are also important priorities to the working families of Plumbers Local 75.

Last and certainly not least, we commend Governor Evers' continued commitment to reinstatement of prevailing wage laws and to again allowing project labor agreements on taxpayer funded projects. These laws were vital to Wisconsin in the past to help ensure family supporting pay for honest hard work. They supported investment in privately funded, state registered apprenticeship programs in the construction industry; and helped keep Wisconsin workers on Wisconsin's taxpayer-funded projects. These laws will do so again.

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