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## Rep. Billings Releases Statement on Gov. Evers' Budget Address

**MADISON** – Tonight, Governor Tony Evers gave his budget address, outlining his priorities for the 2021-23 Biennial Budget. At the conclusion of his remarks, Representative Jill Billings (D-La Crosse) released the following statement:

"I am excited to see that Governor Evers has included several of the items I advocated for on behalf of Western Wisconsin in his 2021-23 Biennial Budget proposal," said Rep. Billings. "These proposals will help improve the environment, protect the well-being of families, improve access to childcare across the state, and provide needed relief to local governments and small businesses hit the hardest during this pandemic."

"During these especially difficult times, many of these budget proposals will help working families through increased wages, the ability to take time to care for their families, affordable healthcare, and the ability to access childcare," stated Rep. Billings. "Governor Evers has proposed increased funding on many areas to help address the many challenges brought about by COVID-19. Thank you for recognizing and including these important issues to Western Wisconsin in your Budget."

"This is just the beginning as the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee begins to analyze the proposal. Removing items and adding them as they see fit," said Rep. Billings. "I encourage everyone to be vigilant, to contact their Legislators and members of the Joint Committee on Finance, to encourage their support for the many important proposals which will improve lives in Western Wisconsin and across the State."

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