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**Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Passage of 21-23 Biennial Budget**  
***Bill of Missed Opportunities***

**MADISON** – Today, the State Assembly voted to approve the 21-23 Biennial Budget Bill.

“Republican Representatives have passed a budget of missed opportunities, which failed to take advantage of unexpected revenue growth and failed to invest in the areas of most need in our state. Meanwhile President Biden was in La Crosse, speaking on his efforts to seize the opportunity to create a bi-partisan \$1.2 trillion, eight year infrastructure plan, which includes lead laterals, failing bridges, electric buses, and broadband.”

“I shared many of the priorities of our region with Governor Evers early in the budget process and I am glad that the Governor included them in his budget proposal. Unfortunately Republican legislators removed nearly every provision from the bill. Some of the Coulee Region priorities that Republicans pulled from the budget include provisions to address PFAS pollution; to authorize infrastructure projects for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; to fund affordable, quality, accessible early childhood education; and to invest in public education: this was indeed a missed opportunity for Wisconsin.”

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