

# RESPONSIBLE STIMULUS PLAN:

INVEST IN PEOPLE.

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE.

BOOST OUR ECONOMY.

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## Talking Points on our “Responsible Stimulus Plan”

This bill is part of the Legislature's **Responsible Stimulus Plan** to "Invest in People, Improve Infrastructure, and Boost Our Economy". Our goal is to work with the Governor to reinvest one-time federal funds back into areas of greatest need. This 11-bill plan will accelerate our state's recovery and prioritize funds to those hit hardest by the impacts of the pandemic.

- Many of the provisions are the Governor's own priorities, some go above-and-beyond the funding level he proposed.
- Using the money on one-time projects will avoid future deficits and budget holes.
- The federal money presents a unique opportunity to put more money into priorities than would otherwise be possible using only state funds.
- We can make transformational improvements throughout our state if we're sensible with the money.
- Our plan will accelerate our state's recovery and ensure people benefit long into the future.
- The Legislature is once again offering to work the Governor to address the needs of Wisconsinites.

## If he VETOES:

- How are we supposed to craft a budget without a framework of how the \$3.2 billion in federal funds will be spent?
- The Governor has AGAIN refused to work with the Legislature.
  - o He has repeatedly dismissed our attempt at bipartisan compromise – from AB 1, to Truth in Spending, now this.
  - o He is quickly becoming 'Governor Nevers'. Governor 'NO'.

## If he SIGNS:

- This is a refreshing change from Governor Evers' go-it-alone approach.
- The Supreme Court ruled that the Governor needed to work with the Legislature. This is tremendous step toward repairing the relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches.

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## ***\*\*If the Governor decides to not spend federal money until AFTER we pass a budget:***

- "How can we ask the Finance Committee to pass a budget without a plan for the federal funds."
  - o "We can create the plan now or in the budget, but any budget we pass will include the federal money."
- "How can we ask state taxpayers to be on the hook while Governor Evers sits on the sideline with pockets full of federal cash."
- "Thus far, the Governor has been an obstructionist with federal funds. Governor, we need a plan."
- "Governor Evers needs to get off the sidelines and work with the legislature to pass a budget which includes the federal funds for the good of the people of our state."
- "Without a plan for the federal money, we will simply rollover our state surplus into the next budget cycle."
- "If the Governor refuses to work with us, we will have no other choice but to forego the traditional budget process."