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### **Wisconsin Republican's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Vote**

(MADISON) – Today, in what has been described as a ‘terrible, horrible, no good, very bad decision’, Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee passed an omnibus motion, rejecting federal funding to expand BadgerCare which would have insured an additional 87,400 Wisconsinites and saved taxpayers over \$119 million. Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement regarding this terrible, horrible, no good, very bad vote:

“Today will go down as a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day in Wisconsin’s history. First, there was a Democratic motion which would have accepted the federal funds and insured nearly 88,000 thousand additional people on BadgerCare, but Republicans voted against it. Then, an omnibus motion was brought forward by the GOP which rejected those the federal dollars. Legislative Fiscal Bureau informed the Joint Finance Committee that by not accepting these funds, the taxpayers of Wisconsin will be on the hook for an additional \$119 million dollars.

“My constituents and people advocating for affordable health care have been asking me all day whether or not I can explain this idea that we would insure less people and cost Wisconsinites more money; but all I can tell them is that it’s a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad vote.

“I wonder how many Wisconsinites are planning on moving to Australia.”

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