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## **Senate Approves Arena Plan**

MADISON - On Wednesday, the Co-Chair of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement after the Wisconsin State Senate approved a funding plan for a new Milwaukee Bucks arena:

"I'm happy to report, the Milwaukee Bucks are here to stay.

Passing a bi-partisan plan that creates good-paying jobs, creates a destination entertainment district where there is nothing, keeps a sports team in our city, without new taxes, is a slam dunk.

Without a new arena, Milwaukee would lose at least \$130 million in income tax revenue over the next 20 years and an additional \$169 million in income tax revenue growth over that time. More than that, Wisconsin would lose the prestige of being the home of a major professional sports franchise.

Today's bi-partisan agreement is a once in a lifetime opportunity and will benefit everyone in the state. Every dollar the state invests in this project will deliver two dollars in economic growth. Just like the investment the state made in Amazon, the Bucks Arena plan is an exciting investment in the future of our state."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

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