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Republican State Budget A Missed Opportunity

MADISON – State Representative Daniel Riemer released the following statement in response to passage of the Republican version of the state budget:

“Republicans in the Assembly have thrown away once-in-a-generation opportunities to strengthen Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers introduced a budget that included BadgerCare expansion, an end to partisan gerrymandering, and strong funding for K-12 education. These provisions have strong public support, but Assembly Republicans scoffed at these ideas today when they passed a budget without them.

“Today, on the Assembly floor, I introduced an amendment that would have expanded BadgerCare in Wisconsin’s budget. This amendment would have offered affordable care to over 90,000 Wisconsinites. Taking the expansion would have increased access to health exams and other crucial preventative care. Additionally, Wisconsin would have received over \$1 billion in federal funding; funding that could be used for countless investments in our state. Yet, every single Republican voted against that amendment.

“Republicans have continually proven that they care more about attacking the Governor than helping Wisconsinites who are recovering from a devastating global pandemic. This divisiveness has real consequences for the people in our state. Thousands of Wisconsinites will continue to lack access to affordable healthcare. Our struggling public schools will not be able to access and use additional funding, and our state’s legislative maps will continue to be rigged by the Republican majority.

“A State Budget is a moral document, and I voted against this Republican budget because it does not reflect the morals of my constituents or Wisconsin. I will continue to fight for access to affordable healthcare and all of the other opportunities that Republicans said no to today.”

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