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## **Governor's Budget Puts Wisconsinites First**

Rep. Riemer applauds inclusion of proposals to improve access to healthcare, support working families, and direct tax relief to those who need it most

MADISON - State Representative Daniel Riemer (D-West Allis) released the following statement after Governor Tony Evers' 2023-25 Budget Address:

"Today, Governor Evers released a budget proposal that would make historic investments in the people of Wisconsin. Every budget proposal provides a vision for our state - and this one envisions a future where all Wisconsinites can have access to affordable healthcare, good paying jobs, and excellent schools for our children."

"The governor's initiative to expand BadgerCare would provide coverage to an additional 90,000 Wisconsinites. BadgerCare expansion would provide greater opportunities for Wisconsinites to be proactive about their health in the long term by accessing preventative care, mental health care, screenings, and health exams. I have introduced BadgerCare expansion as a bill every session I've been a part of the legislature, and although Republicans have consistently shot it down, I am glad that Governor Evers is still with me in this fight."

"The governor's budget also includes measures that would put our state's historic surplus money back into the pockets of Wisconsinites who need it the most. Two such measures are targeted tax credits I have been proud to introduce and advocate for during my time in the Assembly. Expansions to the Earned Income Tax Credit would ease the tax burden for working parents with children. Expansions to the Homestead Tax Credit would provide tax relief to low-income homeowners and renters. These efforts stand in stark contrast to Legislative Republicans' proposal for a uniform state income tax rate or "flat tax" that would benefit only the wealthiest citizens."

"This budget stands for a tax code, healthcare system, and economy that will work for all Wisconsinites, not just the wealthiest among us. I applaud the governor's efforts and implore my Republican colleagues to support responsible tax relief and smart investments that will move all of us forward."

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