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## Shared Revenue Deal Passes Wisconsin State Assembly

Bad-faith GOP negotiations created a bad deal for Milwaukee

Madison, Wis. – Earlier today, Republican Leadership in the State Assembly concurred on a shared revenue deal that was negotiated between Legislative Republicans and Governor Evers. This bill took advantage of the decade's long neglect that our State Legislature has shown the City & County of Milwaukee, and capitalized by attacking their ability to govern. In response, Representative Kalan Haywood (D-Milwaukee), the Assistant Democratic Leader issued the following statement:

"From the beginning of this negotiation, GOP leadership held the financial future of our state's most prosperous municipality hostage in order to pass a reactionary right-wing agenda. Our gerrymandered legislature decided to restrict funding to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion positions in Milwaukee, created barriers for public health officials when combatting disease outbreaks, and ended the oversight authority of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. These provisions stomp on the principle of local control, and only passed because our state refused to adequately invest in the economic & cultural engine that is Milwaukee."

"For decades, our State Legislature neglected Milwaukee residents, and held back financial support for essential services. By leaving the broken shared revenue formula in place and restricting the revenue that can be raised by Milwaukee itself, our state government led Milwaukee to the brink of bankruptcy. This needlessly risked thousands of jobs across city & county departments and threatened the cutting of vital services. Instead of fixing these issues, the GOP led legislature decided to play politics with our financial future, and imposed their agenda on Milwaukee residents."

"I and many of my fellow Milwaukee leaders today made the difficult decision today to save our municipality's financial future. We voted for this bill because our community was on the brink of financial collapse, and we refuse to play politics with their future. While I do not endorse many of the provisions in this bill, I know that it prevents the worst possible outcome for my community & my constituents."

"However, Milwaukee deserves more than the better of two bad deals. Moving forward, I will continue to fight for our community, and do everything I can to ensure our local governments will not be put in this situation again. It is my hope that the County and City of Milwaukee can move forward and restore financially normalcy to ensure that Milwaukee remains a great place to work, learn and live

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