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## **Forward Wisconsin Budget Action Meetings Signal Strong Community Support for Governor's Badger Bounceback Budget**

*Assembly Democrats hosted a series of action meetings throughout March to engage Wisconsinites in the State Budget process*

MADISON - Last night, [Forward Wisconsin](#) completed the fifth and final meeting in its March Budget Action meeting series, designed to educate and engage the public on the 2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget process. The Budget Action Meetings were hosted by Assembly Democrats on the Joint Committee on Finance, State Representatives Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) and Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) and featured twenty-eight members of the Assembly Democratic caucus, alongside fifteen community organizations. Each meeting highlighted various provisions of Governor Tony Evers' Badger Bounceback Budget and encouraged Wisconsinites to take action.

Since re-launching in late February, Forward Wisconsin has reached nearly 100,000 Wisconsinites via social media and the virtual March Budget Action meetings, which were hosted on Zoom and broadcast live on Facebook. The virtual action meetings received outstanding feedback from the public, reaching 650 to 2,800 people with each weekly Facebook Live broadcast and up to seventy participants on each Zoom call.

Following the final March meeting, Rep. Goyke and Rep. Neubauer offered the following remarks:

"It was an honor to co-host Forward Wisconsin's Budget Action Meetings with my colleague, Rep. Neubauer. I am thankful to the Democratic Assembly members, community organizations, and countless Wisconsinites who joined Forward Wisconsin in March. Throughout the action meetings, it became very clear that there is resounding support for the Governor's proposed budget. We heard from impacted individuals all over the state who took action and advocated for Wisconsin to pass a winning budget," said Rep. Goyke.

“Over five weeks, we saw amazing public turnout and enthusiasm about the Badger Bounceback Budget,” Neubauer said. “It’s clear that the Governor’s budget is one that works for Wisconsin’s working families, and that is what our state needs as we work to recover from COVID-19. From expanding BadgerCare to building a more just justice system to bringing broadband to rural communities, this budget is designed to make life better for everyone in Wisconsin. I’m so grateful to my Assembly colleagues and the guest experts and community organizations that joined us for these events, and to the members of the public who took the time to get involved and take action on the budget. Our work isn’t done yet, but I’m proud of what we built together this month.”

The Forward Wisconsin Budget Action Meetings may be viewed retroactively by any member of the public on the [Forward Wisconsin Facebook page](#). Slides from each event are available in PDF format at the links below:

[Criminal Justice Reform & Democracy](#)

[Childcare, K-12- Higher Education](#)

[Climate, Environment & Equal Rights](#)

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