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Rep. Jessie Rodriguez Reacts to the Passage of Wisconsin's Budget
Historic Investments, Meaningful Tax Relief

MADISON – On Tuesday, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a two-year budget plan with the State Senate expected to follow suit on Wednesday. After working with her colleagues on the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) on the budget for the last several months, Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) issued the following statement reflecting on the budget as passed by the Assembly:

“When I look at the budget that we’ve crafted for the next biennium, I can’t help but reflect on the many highlights that will benefit the people of my home district in southeastern Wisconsin. For example, it is clear that enumerating the I-94 E/W project and providing funding in the amount of \$40 million to keep all projects moving forward on time is crucial in southeastern Wisconsin. This budget also provides more funding for local roads, which I know is something my constituents and people from around Wisconsin have been asking for. We also reauthorize and fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program, which includes funding for local assistance grants. Municipalities apply for these grants to fund things like local parks and bike or walking trails. I hear from many of my constituents that they enjoy the parks and trails in our area and support funding this program.

“I often hear from healthcare providers in my district that investments are needed in order for them to provide high-quality healthcare for all residents. Over the years, I have toured many long-term care facilities in my district. These facilities care for our most vulnerable community members, and have had an especially difficult job since the dawn of the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure they are able to continue to provide this essential care, we have provided \$434 million in new funding for long-term care facilities and their staff. For years I have heard from local dental care providers in my district that it’s difficult for them to afford to provide care for the Medicaid population with low reimbursement rates. This budget provides a 40% increase in Medicaid reimbursements for dental providers to help them serve the Medicaid population. I have also heard from Emergency Department physicians who live in my district and are concerned about lack of funding, so we increased funding for these providers by \$6.6 million. This is a great healthcare budget, oftentimes meeting or exceeding the Governor’s requests.

“This Spring when I asked my constituents for their thoughts on our state’s budget, one of the most common pieces of feedback I received was regarding the property tax burden in our community. This budget provides the largest tax cut we have been able to deliver during my time in the legislature, amounting to \$3.4 billion overall in tax cuts. Included in the tax plan is a



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property tax cut in the amount of \$650 million, and we are able to do this while reaching the goal of two-thirds funding for our schools. Between the income and property tax cuts, the typical family will save \$1,200. I'm proud to support a budget that will provide such meaningful tax relief for the people of Wisconsin.

“I want to applaud my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who joined with the majority party in supporting this budget. I am hopeful that Governor Evers will follow their lead and sign this budget into law so these many great benefits can become material for the people of Wisconsin.”

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