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Rep. Andraca Statement on Assembly Passage of State Budget *Votes Against Passage, Critical Needs for Wisconsinites Left Unmet in Bill*

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin State Assembly met today to debate the 2025-2027 Wisconsin state budget. Representative Deb Andraca (D-Whitefish Bay) - who serves as a member of the state's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee - released the following statement regarding the Assembly passage of the bill:

"It has been an honor to serve on the Joint Finance Committee as we navigated the 2025-27 Biennial budget process. Through more than 30 hours of public hearings and long days and nights of meetings, Joint Finance committee members worked diligently to bring the budget to where it is today.

"Voting on the state budget is unlike any other vote in the legislature. There are competing priorities across vastly different issue areas, and all must be considered carefully. However, for me, there is one priority that always comes first—the needs of my constituents who trust me with their vote.

"What I heard in constituent meetings, in-district office hours, Joint Finance Committee hearings, and hundreds of emails and phone calls was consistent: predictable, meaningful funding for public education indexed to inflation; reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates; more programming for the arts and our creative economy; no new property tax increases; and support for the Universities of Wisconsin that demonstrates a commitment to sustained academic excellence.

"While some of these issues were addressed in today's budget bill, on almost every measure, this budget fell short. Governor Evers and Democrats were at the table for the first time in over a decade and made significant improvements to the initial Republican proposal, but in the end it was not enough to earn my vote. It is a step in the right direction, and I hope it leads to a path of more bipartisanship and further investments in my constituents' top priorities.

"Our new fair maps are already demonstrating how districts that represent communities, not political parties, can result in better outcomes. I am encouraged that today's vote might represent a return to a democracy where the will of the people is the law of the land. I look forward to more opportunities to hear from constituents, work across the aisle, and help create a safer, smarter, healthier Wisconsin."

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