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## **Rep. Born Statement on Capital Budget**

Republicans propose historic investment to state building program

**Madison-** Today, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance put forward a proposal that significantly invests in our state's buildings and infrastructure. The capital budget proposal includes nearly \$2 billion in total spending to renovate, repair, and replace aging state owned facilities.

"The action taken today by my colleagues and I was a historic investment," said Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam). "We funded necessary maintenance and repair projects in all areas of state government, especially in our UW-System, that will be a catalyst for growth and innovation in our communities."

Included in the Republican proposal was over \$1.2 billion in projects for the UW-System. The plan included full funding for two new science buildings at UW-Milwaukee and UW- Eau Claire, and a new veterinary school at UW-Madison. Republicans also signed off on a new State History Museum on the Capitol square.

"The sound budgeting decisions of the past 8 years has given the state the ability to reinvest in our state's infrastructure with an ambitious capital budget that stays within our means," said Born. "These nearly 50 projects, across all corners of our state, are necessary priorities that help our state continue to thrive."

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