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Representative Brooks Statement on Governor Evers' signing of the State Budget

Madison, WI—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) issued the following statement regarding the biennial budget signed into law by Governor Tony Evers.

“The 2021-2023 biennial budget is a win-win for local units of government, school districts, and Wisconsin taxpayers. I commend my colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee for rejecting Governor Evers’ original proposal which was laden with tax increases, out-of-control spending, and an assortment of liberal pet projects. Rejecting Governor Evers’ budget as proposed was one of the wisest decisions made by the Joint Finance Committee this session.

The bipartisan budget signed into law earlier today, includes significant tax cuts that will benefit hardworking families—saving the average Wisconsin family nearly \$1,200 over the next two years. In addition, it invests in programs and services vital to Wisconsin: rural broadband; hospitals; local roads; healthcare; and education. This is a budget that invests in Wisconsin’s priorities.

Record investment in education is a hallmark of this budget. Including federal funds, Wisconsin schools will see a \$3.2 billion increase, which is more than the \$655 they received last budget. Since 2015, Republicans have made historic investments in public education.

Despite issuing more than fifty vetoes, including an item that would invest \$500 million in the state’s rainy day fund, I am glad Governor Evers signed this bipartisan budget into law.

The notion that Governor Evers is the one responsible for the tax cut, as he has been claiming since signing the budget into law, is misguided. In reality, Governor Evers’ budget proposed increasing taxes by more than \$1.6 billion.

I was honored to support a budget that invests in Wisconsin’s priorities and contains one of the largest tax cuts in history. Assembly Bill 68, now known as 2021 Wisconsin Act 58, was passed with bipartisan support and received more votes than any recent biennial budget. This budget will help our state to continue moving forward.”

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