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MADISON – Today the Joint Committee on Finance deliberated and voted on the 2023-25 Capital Budget.

"I am disappointed that my republican colleagues on the Joint Committee on Finance did not include the Prairie Springs Phase II Project in the 2023-25 Capital Budget," said Rep. Billings. "We have an historic surplus, and should take this opportunity to invest in deferred, delayed, and shovel ready projects on campuses across the state, such as the project at UW-La Crosse."

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"This is a shortsighted decision from republican legislators as the cost of these delayed projects will only increase leading up to the next budget," stated Rep. Billings. "At a time of workforce shortages, this is not a positive step forward for Wisconsin's future workforce. It's a poor choice to not invest in the campus infrastructure which supports the education and training of our future science and health science workers.

"I will continue to support the Prairie Springs Phase II Project and other much-needed investments in our campuses," said Rep. Billings. "As a member of the State Building Commission, I look forward to future opportunities to support these critical projects."

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