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### **Governor Evers Continues to Play Games with Family Budgets**

*Governor Evers' Child Care Counts announcement comes after months of politicking Wisconsin's child care shortage*

**Madison-** Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu issued the following statement in response to Governor Evers announcement allocating \$170 million in federal pandemic relief to the Child Care Counts program:

**"Governor Evers vetoed the largest tax cut in state history and then spent months going around the state telling child care providers that they were going to have to close their doors when he could have used ARPA money to preserve Child Care Counts all along.**

**"Governing isn't a game, and Governor Evers continues to irresponsibly play games with Wisconsin families' budgets for political purposes.**

**"The legislature's special session plan will provide an average of nearly \$6,000 in tax relief for a Wisconsin family with two children in childcare. That is meaningful tax relief that doesn't grow the size of government,"** LeMahieu concluded.

The State Senate will consider Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Special Session Bill 1 tomorrow. The bill will, among other things, provide a \$2 billion tax cut for Wisconsin families; address child care affordability and availability; and remove barriers to get Wisconsinites back to work.

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*Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He serves as Majority Leader for the Wisconsin State Senate.*