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Ballweg Calls On Governor Evers to Sign State Budget

Madison... Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) calls on Governor Evers to sign the state budget which passed both houses of the legislature with bipartisan votes.

"This is a good budget for all of Wisconsin. Due to continuously responsible budgeting by the Republican legislature and historic surpluses, we were able to provide a \$3.4 billion tax cut, reach 2/3 funding for our K-12 schools and make significant investments in important industries such as healthcare, transportation and long-term care.

"As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, I was proud to lead investments in agriculture and natural resources that will help our rural communities and economies.

"The COVID-19 pandemic put a strain on our supply chains. This budget includes \$800,000 for the dairy processor grant program and will provide \$400,000 and four positions to create a new meat processing program that will help facilities foster innovation, allow for expansion and provide avenues to address those delays.

"Additionally, we provided funding to increase resources for farmer mental health and producer-led watershed programs, reauthorized the Warren Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for another four years and created a comprehensive agricultural export program.

"All of these priorities were able to be accomplished while keeping a healthy balance in our general fund and accumulating nearly \$2 billion in our state's rainy day fund.

"I request the governor sign this budget because I can confidently say this budget is good for our entire state and invests in the right priorities."

To reach Sen. Ballweg with questions or comments please call (608) 266-0751 or email Sen.Ballweg@legis.wi.gov. The 14th Senate District is located in Central Wisconsin, and is composed of parts of Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Outagamie, Sauk, Waupaca, and Waushara counties.

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