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**Republican Budget Proposal is Missing the Mark**

*Republicans budget proposal does not prioritize the needs of Wisconsinites*

MADISON - Last night, the Republican controlled Joint Finance Committee finalized their budget proposal for the 2021-2023 biennium. The proposal will now be sent to the full Senate and Assembly to be voted on by both chambers. Senator Melissa Agard released the following statement on the JFC's budget proposal:

“Budgets are about priorities - show me a budget, and I can tell you where your priorities lie. Governor Evers put together a budget that prioritized the needs of Wisconsinites. Many of those needs he prioritized are no longer present in this budget.

“Through the budgeting process, we have an opportunity to address real issues that people across our state are facing. This budget leaves many Wisconsinites behind by refusing to address major issues families are facing everyday - access to affordable healthcare, cannabis legalization, addressing racial disparities, fully funding our education system, addressing PFAs contamination and climate change, and many other issues Governor Evers included in his budget proposal. This was a deliberate choice by the majority party to ignore the wants and needs of their constituents.

“The Badger Bounceback budget was a historic investment in many sectors of our state. It is truly a shame that my GOP colleagues chose to turn their backs on the will of the people.”

Topic	Badger Bounceback Budget	GOP Budget
K-12 Education	\$1.6 billion over 2 years	\$128 million per year
Higher Education	\$192 million	\$8.25 million
Knowles-Nelson	\$70 million each year, for 10 years	\$32 million each year, for 4 years
PFAs	\$10 million	\$1 million
Unemployment System Modernization	\$15 million	\$0

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