



ROBERT W. WIRCH

STATE SENATOR TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 9, 2021

Contact: Senator Bob Wirsch
(608) 267-8979

Wirsch Statement on Republican Rejection of Kenosha Innovation Center Funding

Madison – Sen. Bob Wirsch (D-Somers) issued the following statement after the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee voted along party lines to remove from the state budget \$10 million in funding for the Kenosha Innovation Center that had been proposed by Governor Tony Evers:

“‘Disappointed’ isn’t a strong enough word for how I feel. The fact that mere hours after receiving the news of an increased \$4.4 billion in revenue over the biennium, Republicans on the Committee voted to strip out this \$10 million appropriation is hard to understand. The innovation neighborhood project would be a boon for the local and regional economies; it would pay for itself many times over in increased economic development activity and increased revenue and tax collections in one of the most economically vital parts of the state. It doesn’t make fiscal sense so I can only assume it’s political.”

#

#

#

State Capitol, P.O. Box 7882, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882 • (608) 267-8979

Toll-Free Office Hotline: 1-888-769-4724

Email: Sen.Wirsch@legis.state.wi.us • Website: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen22/news> • Fax: (608) 267-0984
(262) 694-7379

Printed on Recycled Paper