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OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ARE CLEAR: STAND WITH WORKING FAMILIES

This month my Democratic colleagues and I put the finishing touches on the initial round of 2025 legislation that continues to place hardworking Wisconsinites first. Our legislative proposals address the genuine concerns expressed throughout the 2024 election campaign.

We heard the message as we walked through neighborhoods and listened at businesses, schools, and doorsteps last fall. We understand that pocketbook issues, from healthcare to education to housing, rightfully worry and impact our families. These are the issues that are front and center for Senate Democrats this session, and our opening package of bills addresses these priorities head-on.

First, we want to expand the invaluable Homestead Tax Credit to keep more money in taxpayers' pockets and limit the impact of property taxes. Despite our efforts, the credit has not been adjusted for over 15 years, and 45 percent of accumulated inflation over time has diminished the value of this worthy tax tool. We will work to correct this deficiency.

Second, legislation is desperately needed to tackle costly prescription drug prices that too often force choices between basic needs and crucial care. Identified by Governor Evers' task force, key components of the Less for Rx legislation would cap the cost of insulin, eliminate many cost-sharing payments for working families, and introduce other vital measures to reduce costs and improve health outcomes.

Third, Legislative Democrats want to provide healthy meals for all in our schools to provide nutrition and ensure students focus on learning. This legislation will save Wisconsin families an average of \$154 per child each month and is an effective, needed step for working parents and learning schoolchildren.

Our 2025 legislative priorities starkly contrast the Republican Party's 2024 plans. Last year Wisconsin Republicans launched the legislative session with a More for Millionaires tax cut, and we expect more of the same in the weeks ahead. For too long the Republican legislative majority has focused on giveaways to millionaires and boardrooms while ignoring the needs of working families.

It is time to step away from endless political vendettas and tiresome political games and get things done. We will champion common sense issues and work to pass sensible bills. You can count on my Democratic colleagues and me to stay focused on the issues that matter. We have opened the session with key bills to address key issues, and we will keep up the momentum and support the Wisconsinites who do the work.

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Senator Hesselbein's complete biography, portrait, and press kit are available [here](#).