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Sen. Pfaff: "The Governor's budget invests in Wisconsin values."

(**Madison, WI**) – Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) issued the following statement after Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Address on Tuesday evening:

"The Governor's budget invests in Wisconsin values. This budget involves both the here-andnow as well as an investment in our future. It provides immediate assistance to those who need it while making long-term investments in technology, innovation, and creativity for the business community.

"The Badger Bounce Back plan will be critical to getting our families, small businesses, and farmers back on track."

"Allocating \$43 million for agriculture will help our farmers and rural communities succeed. By investing in agriculture, we're investing in Wisconsin. Giving family farms and local processors the tools that they need to prosper will have far-reaching effects on the health of our economy."

"I also applaud the Governor's decision to invest \$200 million into broadband over the next three years—five times the amount invested in the 2013, 2015, and 2017 state budgets combined. In rural Wisconsin, broadband infrastructure plays a critical role in ensuring economic development, telehealth opportunities, virtual learning, and so much more."

"Wisconsinites are eager to get back to work and school after a long year of uncertainty. This budget does that and more by setting us up for long-term success. Over the next few weeks, I will review this budget in-depth and begin hosting listening sessions around the 32nd District to make sure your voice is heard here in Madison."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.