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**Senator Pfaff Statement on Lack of Republican Investment in Child Care**

**Madison, WI** – Today, the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technical Colleges voted to gut Governor Evers' special session bill to expand Wisconsin's workforce and fund Child Care Counts. As the ranking Democrat on the committee, State Senator Brad Pfaff (D - Onalaska) released the following statement:

"Last week, we heard hours of testimony from child care providers and parents about the need to fund Child Care Counts and support our workforce. They made it clear that in order to grow our economy and expand our state's workforce, we need to invest in child care."

"Child care centers across Wisconsin are closing, including in my district in western Wisconsin. Without reliable and affordable child care, parents cannot work."

"Today's vote by Senate Republicans to totally ignore the child care problem facing families in every corner of our state is short-sighted and shows a lack of respect for child care providers who work tirelessly every day and enable parents to work to put food on their table."

"I'll continue to fight for our working families and kids."

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