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Sen. Pfaff Statement on State Budget Vote

(Madison, WI) – Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) issued the following statement in response to the Wisconsin State Senate’s passage of the 2021-2023 biennial budget.

“This is not the budget I would have written by a long shot. It excludes critical funding for PFAS, fails to expand Badgercare, and doesn’t do nearly enough for our public schools. It’s a missed opportunity. We could have invested in both the long-term growth of our state *and* use our surplus to give working-class families a tax cut.”

“Governor Evers’ original budget reflected the values and needs of Wisconsin and set us on a steady path to economic recovery. The Governor’s budget was and still is my preference for our state and district. But today, I voted in favor of the budget created by the Joint Finance Committee because it’s Wisconsin’s only chance to qualify for \$2.3 billion in ARPA funding for K-12 education and deliver significant tax relief to working families *now*.”

“I am confident that Governor Evers will use his line-item veto to approve a budget that’s good for Wisconsin. I also trust that he will invest our state’s federal COVID relief dollars wisely to fill the gaps. Thanks to the Governor’s fiscal responsibility and President Biden’s leadership, we have the resources needed to make generational investments that benefit all Wisconsinites.”

“We didn’t get everything our state needs from this budget—the work isn’t done yet. I will continue to fight for what we didn’t achieve today. My bill, the CLEAR Act, will tackle PFAS contamination where the budget failed. Senate Bill 439, a bill I’ve sponsored, will expand BadgerCare to 10,000 more Wisconsinites and bring in over a billion dollars in federal investment where this budget failed.”

“These next two years are critical for our state’s economic recovery, and this budget is a start, but it will not be the end.”

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