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## Rep. Gruszynski praises Gov. Evers Healthy Women, Healthy Babies Initiative

GREEN BAY – State Representative Staush Gruszynski (D-Green Bay) expressed his support for Governor Evers plan to include provisions aimed at improving birth outcomes and increasing access to women's health care services in his 2019-2021 State Budget.

"Expanding access to preventative care and working to reduce racial disparities among Wisconsin infants are essential steps toward improving outcomes for all mothers and babies in Wisconsin," Gruszynski said. "Every Wisconsinite deserves access to quality care, and it is vital that we ensure that mothers and newborns have a healthy start, regardless of where they live, their skin color, or their socioeconomic status. I was excited to learn the details of Governor Evers plan to invest almost \$28 million to improve birth outcomes in our state."

Initiatives announced Tuesday include an Infant Mortality Prevention Program, an extension of postpartum Medicaid eligibility for women covered under the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the reinstatement of funding for evidence-based reproductive health services, among others.

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