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### **Republicans Celebrate 52<sup>nd</sup> Month of Not Expanding Medicaid by Stripping it From the Budget**

Fitchburg – Yesterday evening, Wisconsin Republicans announced that they were stripping the Medicaid expansion from the state budget. Rep. Anderson released the following statement:

“It was fitting that on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the 52<sup>nd</sup> month that Wisconsin could have expanded BadgerCare to 82,000 people, Wisconsin Republicans announced that they were stripping the provision from the budget. Wisconsinites support expanding Medicaid because they know how important it is to have quality healthcare. By denying Wisconsin of billions of dollars in healthcare funding, Republicans have made clear they would rather pander to the wishes of their out of touch, wealthy donors than give Wisconsinites access to the care they need. This is what happens when those elected to do the people’s work choose ideological extremism over common sense.

“It’s been 1,947 days since Wisconsin has been eligible to take federal dollars to expand healthcare coverage. That’s not just healthcare for 80,000 people, it’s money for programs that would end the waitlist for children with disabilities, it’s money to support the Healthy Women, Healthy Babies initiative that fights maternal and infant mortality, it’s money to improve access to dental care for communities across Wisconsin. It’s all of this and so much more, all while saving taxpayers millions of dollars. Expanding Medicaid is smart policy, good for our budget, and is overwhelmingly supported across Wisconsin. Now is the time for you to call your legislators and demand that they expand Medicaid today!”

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