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## **Statement on JFC Passing 2019-2021 Biennial Budget**

**Madison** – Today, Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) released the following statement on the Joint Finance Committee action on the 2019-2021 biennial budget:

“Today, the Joint Finance Committee passed the 2019-2021 biennial budget out of committee. Over the last several months members of the committee have listened to people across Wisconsin and made necessary changes to invest in priority issues without massive tax increases,” said Loudenbeck.

Some key areas of investment include:

- Over \$500 million in tax relief including keeping property taxes lower than Governor Evers’ proposal, and reducing income tax rates in the lowest two brackets
- The largest increase of new transportation revenues in a generation, paired with the lowest bonding levels in 20 years, keeping more transportation dollars going towards infrastructure projects and not just debt service
- Investing \$500 million in education, including an additional \$200/\$204 per pupil and \$96 million in new funding for special education
- Providing access to affordable, high quality healthcare by investing over \$150 million in caregiver wages
- Increasing aids to the counties for child welfare by \$30 million, as well as increasing Wisconsin Shares childcare subsidies by \$77 million
- Providing additional funds for worker training programs like youth apprenticeship and career technical education grants to schools
- Increasing private bar rate for State Public Defender cases as well as funding pay progression and additional positions for District Attorneys
- Protecting the environment through additional DNR positions and increased funding for environmental quality and water resource initiatives

“I’d like to thank my colleagues on Joint Finance for all of their hard work on this budget. We set out to improve upon what was proposed by Governor Evers and reflect the priorities of the Legislature as a whole as well as the unique needs of individual districts served by our members. This is a great budget for Wisconsin. It invests in people not programs, and focuses on areas of agreement that benefit all of our citizens,” said Loudenbeck.

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