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Rep. LaKeshia Myers Supports Governor Evers' Partial Vetoes

MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers signed 75 partial vetoes in response to the state budget that was passed by the Republican majority in the legislature last week. One of the most significant vetoes included an additional \$100 million added to education funding over the biennium. Of the Governor's vetoes, Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) said:

"The governor, with the stroke of his pen drastically improved the state budget. Using his veto power, he was able to remove deleterious items that would have left Wisconsin economically weakened. Instead, he reviewed the budget carefully, making key adjustments that provided our state with the investments necessary to improve our overall economic, educational, and health-related outcomes. While this budget is somewhat limited in scope, it does address key expenditures in education which are critical to improving the lot of students and teachers in our state's schools."

The Republican crafted budget was an \$81 billion plan that eliminated most of Governor Evers' policies including \$1.4 billion more for education funding, federal Medicaid expansion, legalizing marijuana and raising the state minimum wage. Through Evers' vetoes, the budget provides nearly \$330 million, the largest nominal increase in state general education aid since the 2005-2007 biennium; and provides the largest revenue limit adjustment for all school districts in a decade.

"Governor Evers truly believes in providing quality healthcare and services to those who live in cities as well as rural communities. Which is why I am delighted he made important investments to Wisconsin's rural healthcare providers by increasing funding by nearly \$10 million for the Rural Critical Care Hospital Supplement Program. Equally important were the increases to transportation funding which will finally allow for the completion of abandoned DOT projects, namely the Zoo Interchange. Through the use of his veto power, Governor Evers has shifted the pendulum for our state in the right direction" Rep. Myers concluded.

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