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Governor's Vetoes Restore Funds for Milwaukee

Sinicki praises Gov. for partial vetoes

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Governor Evers has signed a very decent budget, in spite of legislative Republicans' best efforts to avoid working with him on a budget best for everyone in the state. Although I voted against the Republicans' attempt at their own version of a budget, I was proud to stand with the Governor today. He explained that by signing this amended budget he honors his promise to put the people of Wisconsin ahead of petty squabbles introduced by Vos, Fitzgerald, and their members. Also, the Governor made clear that a veto of the full budget would have kept state programs at Walker-era funding levels for months, a status-quo he is eager to move beyond.

And, despite the Republicans' subtractions from the Evers budget, what remains is a budget with a lot in it for everyone, and especially those of us in Milwaukee County. Through his partial vetoes, the Governor was able to restore \$15 million in shared revenue for Milwaukee County that the Republicans had taken. He also restored an extra \$100 for every student in the Milwaukee Public Schools (and statewide). There is money in his budget to finish the Zoo Interchange, help fix local streets, and better fund special transit for seniors and those with disabilities. County Child Welfare will be better funded, as will the Medical College so they can build a new cancer research center.

Other statewide funding that will also help Milwaukee will be increased pay for personal caregivers, more funds for programs for seniors, veterans and special needs dental care. Special education and the Wisconsin Reading Corps will receive more money. Groundwater pollution from toxic chemicals will be the focus of new state efforts, and new public buses will finally be a possibility.

I appreciate the tireless work that Governor Evers and his staff, our colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee, and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, devoted to his first budget. We all need to move forward with the Governor now to continue to work for the people of Wisconsin.

To see a full list of the good things in the budget Gov. Evers signed today, please go to his website:

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