



Budget Misses Opportunities to Invest in Shared Prosperity

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We are deeply disappointed that the budget includes such a hastily designed and regressive tax cut that will do little to help families struggling to make ends meet. This tax cut will make it harder to fund investments in our schools, communities, workforce, and other critical priorities.

The income tax cut in the budget disproportionately benefits very wealthy Wisconsinites and provides little or no benefit to about half of tax filers, a Legislative Fiscal Bureau analysis of the distribution of the income tax changes shows. Although people making less than \$40,000 per year comprise 52% of households in the state, they would get just 1.1% of the benefit of the \$2.3 billion income tax cut.

The tax cut squanders an opportunity for state policymakers to make investments in education and other budget priorities that would do far more to boost our economy and give everyone in Wisconsin an opportunity to succeed.

Moreover, it woefully fails to make significant investments towards greater justice, fairness and opportunity for Wisconsin's communities of color. Rather, it leaves critical racial equity components proposed in the budget unaddressed.

Smaller, better-targeted, and more equitable tax cuts, coupled with investments in areas critical for Wisconsin's future such as communities of color and those furthest from opportunity would have laid a better foundation for future prosperity.