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Hesselbein Statement on Gov. Evers Budget Action

MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers signed the biennial budget bill into law with significant line-item vetoes. Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) released the following statement after the governor’s actions:

“As I’ve said before, a budget is not only a fiscal document but it is a statement of our values. When Governor Evers first introduced his budget recommendations in February, the plan he put forward was bold and addressed the challenges we have as a state. Governor Evers’ recommendation included a BadgerCare Expansion, significant increases to education funding, a plan to tackle climate change, and investments across our state that would have been truly transformational.

“The Joint Finance Committee, controlled by Republicans, stripped away many of the proposals in the governor’s budget recommendation. We had a chance to change the course of Wisconsin’s future for the better and Republicans squandered the opportunity because they were blinded by partisanship.

“Governor Evers’ budget action today makes significant improvements to the budget the legislature debated last week. This is why it is important that we have a governor that puts the will of the people first.”

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