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## Statement on the 2021-23 Wisconsin Budget

"The Legislature built a budget that will benefit everyone in our state."

**Madison** – Today, the Legislature's 2021-23 Biennial State Budget became law. Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) released the following statement:

"Today is a great win for the people of our state. We now have a responsible state budget that cuts taxes, spends wisely, and keeps our state on solid financial footing. The Legislature built a budget that truly represents Wisconsin values.

"Governor Tony Evers deserves <u>NO</u> credit for signing our budget. This was not a bipartisan process of colleagues sharing ideas. He got boxed into a corner and rather than fight for his unpopular budget and risk a political knockout, he and his team threw in the towel and signed our responsible budget.

"He is not a fighter. He is not a leader. He did not sign our conservative budget out of bipartisan motives. He is merely sensible enough to recognize a better budget when he sees one.

"Governor Evers proposed raising taxes by more than \$1 billion to fund his tax-andspend budget. Instead, the Legislature listened to Wisconsinites and passed the most conservative spending plan in a generation including tax cut of more than \$3 billion.

"The Legislature targeted funding increases to health care providers, special education, local roads, and mental health services - investing in areas of need while cutting taxes and holding state spending to historic lows. Today, despite minor, politically-motivated partial vetoes, our Wisconsin Budget will become law.

"The Legislature delivered a Wisconsin Budget that benefits everyone and sets our state on a solid foundation for the future."

Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He serves as Majority Leader for the Wisconsin State Senate.

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