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Joint Finance Committee Passes Wisconsin State Budget

MADISON – Representative Tony Kurtz (R-Wonewoc) voted on the final passage of the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget out of the Joint Finance Committee.

“Governor Tony Evers introduced his budget in February this year. It was 1,846 pages of an ultra-liberal vision for Wisconsin. The Joint Finance Committee has been working the last four months on crafting a realistic, reasonable, and responsible budget that invests in the state’s priorities while maintaining our state’s strong financial footing. Today, I voted for final passage of such a budget.”

Over the past two months, the committee has removed various policy provisions and divisive liberal items the Governor included in his budget proposal. We have made historic investments in our state and its future, particularly in rural communities.

“As a committee we invested in our great hospitals, we have increased the medicaid reimbursement rate for dental providers, chiropractors, physical therapists, EMS, and others. We invested in the state’s long term care facilities and the personal care workers who take care of the most vulnerable population. The committee also made significant investments in infrastructure, including a four percent increase in general transportation aids, and borrowing less money for roads. We renewed the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program. We provided \$125 million in bonding for broadband infrastructure. Since our state is in such a strong financial position, we approved a historical tax cut for our hard working families. These are just a few of the many investments we made in communities across our great state of Wisconsin.

“I am honored to be a member of the Joint Finance Committee and am thankful for Co-Chair Born and Co-Chair Marklein for the work they did as well as all the other members. This is a realistic, reasonable, and responsible budget that will help all of Wisconsin.”

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