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Governor Evers to Address Dark Store Sham in 2019-2020 Budget

MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to the news that Governor Evers will work to close the dark store loophole in the 2019-2020 biennial budget:

“For too long, corporations and their lobbyists have rigged the system so that big box stores can avoid paying their fair share of taxes. Simply put, this means higher property taxes for ordinary Wisconsinites and small business owners.

In Dane County alone, 91.79% voted for a referendum to close this dark store loophole– [other counties across the state](#) also voted overwhelmingly to end the dark store sham. Yet, Republicans in the state legislature last session decided not to act, and kept this tax burden on our communities.

I look forward to working with Governor Evers to ensure that we fight *for* the people of Wisconsin, rather than continuing to save corporate superstores millions of dollars at their expense.”

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Melissa Sargent is a State Representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the east and north sides of the city of Madison and the village of Maple Bluff.