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### **Republican's Partisan Gimmicks Are Not Benefiting Wisconsinites**

MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to today's vote on [Assembly Bill 4](#):

“Wisconsin is an amazing state – where we work hard, and we stand together to do what is best for our communities. People across Wisconsin have spoken out asking for us here in the Capitol to create policies that benefit all Wisconsinites, not just the rich and powerful. As lawmakers, we must work earnestly to find pragmatic, common sense solutions that are fair and that put the people first, not play political games.

The spending plan that was passed today by Assembly Republicans is nothing more than a partisan gimmick, and does not prioritize the basic needs and values of the ordinary people of our great state. Governor Evers, with the support of people all across Wisconsin, has again and again vocalized his support for a middle-class tax cut for the hardworking families in our state. However, rather than waiting for the Governor to introduce a sustainable solution for providing this relief, Republicans have proposed and passed a reckless alternative that uses one-time funds and leaves taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars in the future. This bill is a fiscally irresponsible scam meant to trick the people of Wisconsin.

At the end of this month, Governor Evers will be proposing the People's Budget, through a deliberative and transparent budget process, which reflects the values and priorities of the people of Wisconsin– investing in education and infrastructure, ensuring quality healthcare, protecting our environment, creating and supporting Wisconsin jobs, and providing relief for middle-class families.

I pledge to work hard so that all Wisconsinites can achieve their goals and dreams– this bill is not how we do that. This bill is simply not in the best interest of our communities. Moving forward, I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Governor to create a plan that truly provides the relief that our Wisconsin families deserve.”

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