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### **Senator Testin Says “No” to Governor Evers \$1 Billion Tax Hikes** *Tax Increases Offer Further Example of Governor’s Misplaced Priorities*

**Madison:** Governor Evers announced a controversial new budget on Tuesday night that was dominated by left-wing policy proposals and over \$1 billion in new taxes. Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) expressed his disappointment with much of what the Governor included in his proposal – and some items that were left unaddressed.

“Governor Evers is proposing billions of dollars in new spending and over \$1 billion in new taxes,” said Senator Testin. “He says he has a plan to address climate change, but he didn’t mention a plan to get our kids back in schools. Once again, the Governor has demonstrated that he is profoundly disconnected from what most people in Wisconsin are feeling and experiencing.”

The Governor also proposed a \$200 million allocation for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), a significant departure from when he proposed eliminating the agency on the campaign trail. Senator Testin mentioned that economic development is an area where Governor Evers may find common ground with the legislature.

“I have supported investments in economic development, broadband expansion, and sparsity aid for rural schools in previous budgets,” added Testin. “These are areas where we can make wise investments and build on past successes. Unlike Governor Evers though I will not use the pandemic as an excuse to raise your taxes or fund left-wing social experiments.”

The budget now heads to the legislature where it will see significant changes.

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