



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic Radio Address: “Wisconsin Supports Key Provisions of Gov. Evers’ Budget”

MADISON, WI – Senator Mark Miller (D-Madison) offered the Democratic weekly radio address highlighting overwhelming public support for key provisions in Gov. Evers’ 2019-2021 budget proposal.

The audio file of this week’s address can be found here:

<https://sen-dem.cms.legis.wisconsin.gov/media/1299/sen-miller-radio-address.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hello, I am State Senator Mark Miller with this week’s Democratic radio address.

“The latest Marquette Law School Poll shows the majority of Wisconsinites continue to support key provisions of Governor Tony Evers’ 2019-2021 state budget proposal.

“74 percent of voters support a major increase in state aid for special education, 70 percent agree the state should accept federal funds to expand Medicaid coverage, and more than half of voters support an increase in the minimum wage.

“Additionally, 71 percent of voters favor eliminating mandatory minimum sentences and 65 percent support allowing offenders to petition judges to expunge or clear their record after their sentences are completed in cases of nonviolent, lower-level offenses. Expanding job training for prisoners is supported by 88 percent, and the increased use of treatment programs and of alternatives to jail for offenders with drug or alcohol issues is supported by 78 percent of voters.

“As the governor has said, this budget is about creating a Wisconsin that works for everyone. This isn’t the Tony Evers budget, the Democratic budget or the Republican budget—the support from people around the state is proof positive that this is the People’s Budget.

“The people want to see politicians on both sides of the aisle working together to find common sense solutions to long neglected issues like health care, public school funding, and prison overcrowding.

“The time is now for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to respect the will of the people and work with Democrats to pass Governor Evers budget.”

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