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**Strong Support for Medicaid Expansion Throughout Southeast
Wisconsin**

*Attendees back Governor Evers' Health Care Budget at Joint Finance Hearing, People's Budget
Town Hall, and Wauwatosa Medicaid Town Hall*

MADISON – Last night, Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine), along with Representatives Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) and Robyn Beckley Vining (D-Wauwatosa) hosted a town hall on Medicaid expansion. Attendees heard about the benefits of accepting these federal funds, including substantial savings for the state of Wisconsin. This town hall is one in a series on Medicaid expansion hosted by Democrats in Southeast Wisconsin and across the state, following a Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearing in Oak Creek on April 10th and Governor Evers' People's Budget Town Hall in Kenosha, also on April 10th.

“The support we heard at the town hall last night confirms the testimony I heard in Oak Creek, Kenosha, and in speaking with people throughout Racine. Wisconsinites overwhelmingly want their state government to accept the Medicaid expansion.” Rep. Neubauer stated. “Expanding Medicaid is just the right thing to do. It will give more people access to affordable care, improve our economy, and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.”

“This isn't a surprise,” Rep. Neubauer continued. “People in Racine and throughout Wisconsin have been talking for years about the need for more affordable, accessible care. The proposed Medicaid expansion does just that, and reinvests the savings.”

If Wisconsin were to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, Wisconsin would:

- *Provide affordable, quality healthcare coverage to 82,000 people in Wisconsin.*
- *Save taxpayers \$324 million over the biennium.*
- *Leverage \$1.6 billion of our federal tax dollars to make investments in our healthcare system.*
- *The Evers' Budget would also help the state further invest in tackling the opioid epidemic, address health care workforce shortages, improve dental access, increase health care provider reimbursements, increase funding to long-term care programs, and provide coverage for health care services and benefits.*

“Thank you so much to Rep. Vining for inviting me to join her in the 14th Assembly District, to Rep. Goyke for sharing his Joint Finance expertise, and to all of the Wisconsinites who come out to share their thoughts and questions on the People's Budget. I will be holding my second set of Open Office Hours on the budget on Thursday, April 25th at the Racine Public Library from 10:30am to 12:30pm -- I can't wait to hear more from the people of Racine as we continue the budget process.” Rep. Neubauer concluded.

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