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## **Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address on Joint Committee on Finance Vote to Gut Badger Bounceback Agenda**

[Audio file of Radio Address.](#)

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address on the Joint Committee on Finance's vote last week to gut the governor's Badger Bounceback agenda, the 2021-23 biennial budget, including provisions supported by an overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites, such as expanding BadgerCare, legalizing marijuana, raising the minimum wage, and ensuring a nonpartisan approach to redistricting.

*Hey there, Wisconsinites. Governor Tony Evers here.*

*In February, I introduced my Badger Bounceback agenda, which is our biennial budget that was all about making sure our state and our economy could bounce back from this pandemic.*

*Our Badger Bounceback agenda made key investments in our schools, protecting our environment, expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare, and reforming our criminal justice system—among many other critical priorities—so that folks across Wisconsin have the resources they need to recover and succeed.*

*Unfortunately, last week, Republicans on the budget committee voted to gut nearly 400 provisions from our Badger Bounceback agenda.*

*And that included policies supported by an overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites like expanding BadgerCare, legalizing marijuana, raising the minimum wage, and ensuring a nonpartisan approach to redistricting.*

*Well, here's my bottom line folks, our state's economic recovery cannot wait, and we can't afford for Republicans to play politics.*

*Republicans have tried to stop us from confronting this pandemic every step of the way, and now they are attempting to stop us from being able to help our economy rebound from the pandemic.*

*Well, that's where you come in. Please contact your legislators today and tell them to stop playing politics with our economic recovery. Ask them to support our Badger Bounceback agenda so we can bounce back and better.*

*Thanks, and let's get to work.*

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