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## **Republican Budget Signed Into Law**

(Chippewa Falls)...Governor Tony Evers took action on the 2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget, signing Republican initiatives into law while using his veto pen to nix the peoples' priorities. Items like the \$3.4 billion Republican middle-class tax cut remained but elimination of the GAAP deficit, dairy initiatives, clean water programs, and a mental health bed tracker all were hastily removed by the Governor.

“Let’s not forget that the budget Governor Evers presented included a billion dollar tax hike,” said Sen. Kathy Bernier (R-Chippewa Falls). “As he tours the state today bragging about the bill he’s signing, we need to all remember that he’s signing Republican middle-class tax cuts: the tax cuts my Republican colleagues crafted, voted for, and took heat from Tony Evers and his allies on because they wanted to raise taxes instead.”

“I will give the Governor credit for leaving the \$15 million mental health bed grants in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls largely intact,” Sen. Bernier noted. “He had the courtesy to communicate with me directly and he invited me to be a part of today’s events celebrating what has long been a top priority: bringing mental health treatment to west-central Wisconsin. That is something we should all be proud of.”

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