



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Statement on Governor Evers' Budget Approval

Madison – Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem Lakes) released the following statement in response to Governor Evers' signing the 2021-23 state budget.

"I've always said that I believe there are places we can find common ground with the Governor and today he confirmed that by approving the tax cut and increased education funding the Legislature included among the many improvements in the state budget.

With the budget behind us and a stated commitment from the Governor to 'continue our state's economic recovery and bounce back from this pandemic better and stronger than we were before,' I again call on Governor Evers to appropriate federal ARPA funds to jumpstart the Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood project – which envisions opportunities in education, workforce training, and entrepreneurial development – with \$9.75 million to match non-state funds for the project's STEM Innovation Center. There is no better time to invest in this opportunity to help transform not only the physical landscape, but the local and regional economy."

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