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Rep. Jessie Rodriguez Reacts to Signing of State Budget

Governor Evers Follows Legislature's Lead

MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers signed AB 68, the 2021-2023 biennial budget bill into law as **2021 Wisconsin Act 58** after issuing 50 line-item vetoes. Wisconsin's governor has one of the strongest line-item veto pens in the country and that authority was used today to make minor changes to the bill that was presented to Governor Evers last week.

Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) released the following statement:

“Throughout the budget process, it was our intention to send Governor Evers a budget that he could sign and that we could be proud of. Today, that became a reality. Governor Evers has followed the lead of the Republican Legislature and signed off on the vast majority of the budget we passed last week.

“In February, Governor Evers proposed raising taxes by over \$1 billion in his executive budget. The Joint Committee on Finance rejected that plan and instead passed a budget that puts money back into the pockets of businesses and the hardworking taxpayers of Wisconsin. This budget contains the largest tax cut in a generation and provides historic investments in areas such as healthcare and transportation.

“I was disappointed in the Governor for vetoing funding for the Lakeland STAR Academy in Northern Wisconsin. Lakeland STAR provides personalized education tailored to help students maximize their potential. They do a great job on a shoestring budget – this funding would have helped hundreds of students learn and put them on a path to success.

“Governor Evers also vetoed the \$350 million transfer into the budget stabilization fund that could have been used for K-12 education in a later budget. We know that the billions of dollars in federal funds will not be around forever and this was a way to save for the future.

“In the end, the signing of this budget is a good thing for the people of Wisconsin. More money back into the pockets of the taxpayers and record investments in our priorities.”

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