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## **Rep. Johnson: Rejects GOP budget that harms middle class, vandalizes Wisconsin institutions and traditions**

MADISON – In reaction to the Wisconsin State Assembly’s passage of the 2015-17 Biennial Budget, Representative LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“It is hard to pick the most damaging element of this budget for Wisconsin’s families and our state’s future—it starves K-12 public education, takes a sledgehammer to our world-renowned UW System, turns away hundreds of millions of our federal Medicaid dollars, demonizes the poor and unemployed with costly drug testing, slashes wages for workers on local projects while cutting taxes for the highest incomes, defunds state parks, and jeopardizes long term care for our most vulnerable citizens.

Our state’s economy is already trailing our Midwestern neighbors, but taken together, these wrongheaded policies will deal another crushing blow to Wisconsin’s shrinking middle class, and cast a shadow of reduced growth and economic opportunity over our state for years to come.

Republicans have been in complete control of state government for 5 years and this is their third budget that takes us backwards. Wisconsin deserves a true growth budget that invests in our citizens with an eye towards the long-term rather than just the next election, and until voters demand new management in Madison, our state and our citizens will continue to suffer from these short-sighted, Republican policies.”

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