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Rep. Sargent: Worst Part of the Republican Budget? Take Your Pick.

MADISON – Today, Representative Sargent (D-Madison) expressed her outrage after Republicans jammed the 2015-2017 Budget through in less than twenty-four hours between votes of both houses of the Legislature.

“The awfulness of this budget is truly extraordinary,” said Rep. Sargent.

“I can’t decide which is worse—the cuts to public education at every level, the attacks on workers, or the dismantling of aging and long-term care programs. Then again, there’s always the disregarding of conservation and natural resources, the preemption of local control, or the kickbacks to special interests—those could be contenders, too. Really, take your pick.”

“This budget is not a reflection of our Wisconsin values, it’s a war on them. This budget isn’t about taking care of our hardworking friends and neighbors, making them more free and prosperous, or in creating a brighter, shared future; it is about taking care of lobbyists and donors with checkbooks and Republicans stepping in five years’ worth of their own messes. This budget was bought and paid for behind closed doors by special interests and presidential campaign donors, and quite frankly, I can’t find a single good thing to say about it. Our state will not be better off tomorrow than they were yesterday because of this budget, and in many circumstances, hardworking people in Wisconsin will actually be worse off.”

“I’m sure the Republicans will be taking victory laps for all of the imaginary good things they supposedly did with this budget, but they can’t keep up the charade forever. They won’t be able to outrun the disastrous consequences of this budget. No one in Wisconsin has been fooled by Republican antics—this budget isn’t a victory and everyone knows it.”

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