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## **Robin Hood's Revenge: Legislative Republicans Stealing From the Poor, to Pay for the Rich**

MADISON – Yesterday, after two months of infighting by Governor Walker and legislative Republicans, the Joint Finance Committee convened to finish their review of Gov. Walker's 2017-19 state budget.

Notable last-minute provisions railroaded through the budget process on the last day by a party-line vote include: more tax breaks for the rich, hefty handouts to big corporations, doubling the school voucher program for students with special needs, auditing family planning clinics like Planned Parenthood, and instituting overreaching surveillance of UW System faculty workload.

Tony Evers, Democratic candidate for Governor, released the following statement:

“Can you say out-of-touch? Instead of working to invest and build Wisconsin's middle class – which has been impacted by significant manufacturing job and wage losses over the last year – legislative Republicans doubled-down on tax breaks for those who do not need it and, to pay for it, they eliminated tax breaks for those who need it most. It's no surprise Wisconsin's middle class is shrinking faster than any other state in the country. Look no further than Kansas to see the devastating impact that these careless and ballooned tax breaks to big corporations will have.

“The politicians are at it again. For example, they are taking cheap shots at Planned Parenthood, which provides life-saving preventive health services like cancer screenings to over 60,000 Wisconsinites every year and trying to tell UW faculty how to do their jobs. Scott Walker and legislative Republicans should instead focus on creating jobs, improving our schools, and growing Wisconsin's economy.”

Tony Evers has been elected three times to serve as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, winning 70 of 72 counties in his last election, with 70 percent of the vote statewide. Evers has spent his entire career educating our kids, previously working as a science teacher, a high school principal and as school district superintendent. As State Superintendent, Evers runs one of the largest agencies in the state, with responsibility over 70,000 educators and 860,000 students. Evers is the father of 3 children and 6 grandchildren, raising his family in communities throughout Wisconsin, including Plymouth, Baraboo, Tomah, Oakfield, Omro, Oshkosh and Verona.