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Legislature Prioritizes Politics over People

Republicans deny women and families a budget we need and deserve

MADISON - Statement from Sara Finger, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH):

"When Governor Evers released his budget early this year I felt so hopeful that our state would invest in the needs of real people. From doula reimbursement to infant mortality prevention to affordable child care, Evers' budget included investments to tackle tough issues that had been long neglected. Governor Evers' budget plan included a full expansion of Medicaid to cover 82,000 more Wisconsinites while saving the state hundreds of millions of dollars to invest in program like the Healthy Women Healthy Babies initiative.

"Yet, our Republican-led legislature just threw Evers' budget and vision for healthier Wisconsin women out the window. Rather, they enthusiastically voted to replace it with a watered down version that spends more state money, helps fewer people, and leaves more than \$1 billion in federal funds on the table. From a fiscal stance, this make zero sense; from a moral position this is a repugnant.

"Governor Evers listened to the people of Wisconsin and crafted a budget to reflect our needs and values. Republicans have drawn a line and have refused to invest in our health, our lives, and our economic security.

Shame on Republicans legislators for denying women and families a budget we need and deserve and for playing politics with our health and our lives."

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