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Evers submits compromise to Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee to fight PFAS without controversial provisions benefitting polluters.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today urged Republican lawmakers to support a compromise proposal aimed at expeditiously releasing \$125 million to fight PFAS contaminants statewide, asking the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee to release funds to combat PFAS without controversial provisions to benefit polluters contained in a Republican-backed bill passed by the Wisconsin State Legislature last week. The \$125 million investment to combat PFAS statewide, available through the 2023-25 biennial budget passed by the Wisconsin State Legislature and enacted by Gov. Evers last July, has languished unspent in Madison for months—over 230 days—as Republican legislators have ignored repeated requests [from Gov. Evers](#) to

release the critical funding. The governor's compromise proposal offered today is functionally identical to the Republican bill passed last week by the Wisconsin State Legislature, largely retaining most of the bill's key provisions.

“There’s not one good reason that \$125 million the Legislature and I both approved over 230 days ago to fight PFAS contaminants statewide should still be sitting in Madison today,” said Gov. Evers. **“Ensuring Wisconsinites have access to clean, safe drinking water should never be a partisan issue, which is why Republicans should have released these critical investments months ago.”**

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