

Initiative Lifts the Voices of the Majority Supporting Medicaid Expansion in Wisconsin

MADISON - Forward Wisconsin launched today with a video featuring State Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine). Forward Wisconsin is a project of the Wisconsin Legislative Democrats aimed at lifting the voices of Wisconsinites who support the Medicaid Expansion and the broader People's Budget proposed by Governor Tony Evers.

Forward Wisconsin will highlight Republican attempts to dismantle the budget and provide Medicaid Expansion supporters with concrete ways to support the expansion in their communities and in the legislature, including opportunities to engage across the state.



Rep. Greta Neubauer said, "70 percent of people in Wisconsin support expanding Medicaid. Forward Wisconsin will amplify their voices. For the last year and a half, I have been speaking with people in my district and across the state, and healthcare access and affordability has been

a top concern. People have been asking how to get involved, so we started Forward Wisconsin to make sure their voices are heard."

Neubauer continued, "Healthcare isn't a partisan issue. It shouldn't even be a question whether we accept the full Medicaid expansion. Democrat or Republican, everyone in the legislature ran on improving healthcare access and affordability. But now that they are in office, my Republican colleagues are hell-bent on ignoring the people and tearing down a solution that expands access, saves money, and draws $1.6 billion in new federal dollars to our state."

Under Governor Tony Evers' proposed budget, completing the Medicaid expansion would provide affordable, accessible healthcare to an estimated 82,000 people in Wisconsin. It would save over $300 million, and the reinvestment of that money in evidence-based health programs would bring $1.6 billion in new federal dollars to Wisconsin and improve quality of care for all Wisconsinites.

Forward Wisconsin will provide the 70% of Wisconsinites who support the Medicaid expansion with resources to hold their legislators accountable in their own neighborhoods and at the Capitol. For more information and to get involved, visit forwardwisc.com . Find Forward Wisconsin on Facebook at facebook.com/forwardwisc/ or Twitter at twitter.com/forward_wisc .