



“Real People Are Struggling With These Pocketbook Issues”

MADISON, Wis. — When Senate President Chris Kapenga and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos invited Governor Tony Evers to deliver this year’s State of the State address, they wrote that “[t here are supply shortages and soaring inflation rates, causing families to have to pay significantly more on items such as food and gasoline. Real people are struggling with these pocketbook issues.](#)”

That letter was sent 66 days ago on December 27, 2021. Since then, Gov. Evers has announced a [common sense surplus plan](#) that will direct a portion of the state’s [record-breaking budget surplus](#) towards delivering tax cuts for families, increasing child care opportunities so folks can fill jobs, expanding caregiving, and improving education quality — all while providing much-needed property tax relief for parents.

Wisconsin Republicans have now said that Gov. Evers’ common sense surplus plan is a “[non-starter](#)

” — once again demonstrating that their letter was for show and that they have no interest in helping parents, filling jobs, or lowering costs.

At a time when families are feeling the effects of inflation and close to [96% in a recent poll](#) have expressed concern, Wisconsin's record-breaking budget surplus shouldn't be collecting dust in Madison — it should be used to help the workers and families who created it.

Here's how [Gov. Evers' surplus plan](#) will benefit Wisconsinites:

- Wisconsinites are facing rising costs — which is why Gov. Evers' plan delivers a \$150 tax rebate to every tax filer and each of their dependents this year, meaning a family of four would receive \$600.
- Parents need more affordable child care options — that's why Gov. Evers' plan helps lower costs by expanding the Child and Dependent Care Credit.
- Gov. Evers' plan creates a new Caregiver Tax Credit — [which will help families and save the state money by investing in caregivers](#)
- .
- Gov. Evers has long said that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state — that's why his plan will improve education quality and provide property tax relief.

“Republicans and Democrats don't always agree, but this isn't one of those times,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff. “Robin Vos asked for a plan on rising costs and Governor Evers has delivered — now it's time for Wisconsin Republicans to put aside their political games and come to the table for Wisconsin families.”