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On the last day of budget deliberations, GOP lawmakers continue to ignore healthcare, public school, road repair, and clean water needs say Democrats.

MADISON - Thursday marks the last day of Joint Finance Committee (JFC) budget deliberations. Instead of sitting down and working with Governor Tony Evers and legislative Democrats, Republicans prioritized politics over people.

The long list of missed opportunities began on day one with the rejection of billions of federal dollars to invest in the health of all Wisconsinites. Instead of expanding Medicaid, Republicans introduced their own double-tax proposal, which spends \$324 million more state tax dollars, and rejects returning home \$1.2 billion in federal tax dollars. As a result, Wisconsinites' hard-earned federal tax dollars will now be sent to California and Illinois and all of the other states that put smart fiscal policy before partisan politics.

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