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Wisconsin will lose out on billions as State Republicans thwart economic recovery by dismantling the Governor's Bounceback budget.

MADISON – Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee once again defied the wishes of Wisconsinites by dismantling the Governor's Bounceback budget and obstructing economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Their choice to remove 391 provisions and block BadgerCare expansion not only hinders Wisconsin's ability to bounce back better from the pandemic, but it will cost our state an additional $1.6 billion in federal funding. Expanding BadgerCare in Wisconsin would generate $635 million in savings to be invested back in the state, would attract more primary care doctors and providers to address shortages in rural areas, and would foster economic growth and financial stability for local economies. Democrats on the Joint Finance Committee released the following statements regarding the committee's action:

"Republicans ignoring the voices of Wisconsinites feels like déjà vu," said Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-West Point). "Expanding BadgerCare is the best deal for Wisconsinites and we cannot afford to lose out on an additional $1.6 billion in federal funds. Republicans are making a foolish decision to deny individuals more affordable, quality coverage, lower health insurance premiums and saying no to one billion dollars. This is an embarrassing decision that will cost Wisconsin for decades to come."

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