



\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

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### **Broad Coalition Endorses Plan for Better Budget Choices: Legislators Can Avoid Devastating Cuts without Raising Taxes**

"We CAN have a balanced budget that represents Wisconsinites' values and priorities... without raising taxes."

**WHAT:** Press Conference to discuss the Wisconsin State 2015-2017 budget. Several representatives of the Better Choices coalition and other organizations will speak about how the Wisconsin Legislature can make better state budget choices to avoid harmful budget cuts without raising taxes. Attached is list of organizations that have endorsed the Better Choices Budget.

Speakers will discuss a wide variety of budget proposals that are necessary to invest in and improve Wisconsin's economy including:

- Investing in K-12 and Higher Education
- Protecting Senior Care and Family Care for seniors and people with disabilities
- Investing in Wisconsin's economy

**WHO:** The Wisconsin Budget Project will be joined by members of the Better Choices coalition, which consists of numerous organizations around Wisconsin that promote public education, services to seniors and people with disabilities, access to health care, and a healthy environment.

Interview opportunities to discuss impact the state budget has on the greater Eau Claire community are: Richard Spindler, Eau Claire School Board; Dr. James Boulter, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Bishop Richard Hoyme, of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Evangelical Lutheran Church

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm.

**WHERE:** L.E. Phillips Senior Center, 1616 Bellinger Street in Eau Claire

**WHY:** We can have a balanced budget that would represent Wisconsinites' values and priorities. We can do it without raising taxes. This alternative budget shows us how.

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