“Economic Issues in the 2020 Election and Beyond”

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My remarks will focus on national economy and some remarks about Wisconsin

**Key Takeaways:**

- Pro-growth, pro-competitive policies can support a strong recovery
- Need to support future investments and address US fiscal issues
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  • Room for improvement – *investments*
  • Investments in people – education
  • Investments in physical capital
Share of Real GDP Devoted to Investment - 1970-2020
US Math and Science Education Lags Peer Countries

- International student evaluation (PISA) shows US students far below best performers
- US Students way behind China, Singapore
- Behind Canada, Finland, UK, Sweden, Germany, France,…
- Behind Estonia, Poland, Russia, Slovak Repub.
- Wisconsin ranked 14th in K-12
- Reforms: merit and specialist-based pay, teacher tenure reform, expand school choice
Federal Deficits As A Percent of GDP, 2020-2050

The graph shows the percentage of GDP as a federal deficit from 2020 to 2050. The deficit starts at a high level in 2020, peaks around 2025, and then gradually decreases over the next few decades, approaching zero by 2050.
Federal Debt As A Percent of GDP, 2020-2050
Conclusions

• Incentivize savings and investment
  – Regulatory reforms, low tax rates on investment returns, immigration reform

• Address fiscal imbalance
  – Medicare and health care reforms