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REP. KEITH RIPP'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR WALKER'S 2017 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Madison, WI – State Representative Keith Ripp (R-Lodi) issued the following statement in response to Governor Walker's State of the State Address during a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

“Governor Scott Walker observed Wisconsin's various accomplishments heading into this new legislative session. Our state's economy is stronger now than 8 years ago when I was first elected to the State Capitol. Wisconsin's unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in 15 years, more people are employed today than at any point in our history, and our state is one of the highest in the nation for workforce participation. Wisconsin taxes have been cut by a total of \$4.7 billion dollars in 6 years, which saved families an average of more than \$1,100 dollars.

“While I am proud to celebrate these achievements with my colleagues, I know there is more work that needs to be done. Wisconsin depends on smart, innovative plans that ensure our state's continuous success now and in the future. I appreciate Governor Walker's commitment towards supporting initiatives that adequately fund our rural schools, freeze college tuition rates for our children, invest more resources into youth and adult apprenticeship programs to meet the demands of our dynamic economy, and expand broadband capabilities around the state. I am eager to begin the biennial budget process and carefully evaluate the specifics of the Governor's proposals.

“I am determined to work with Governor Walker, my colleagues, and constituents on crafting legislation that benefits our entire state, especially finding practical, sustainable funding solutions to our state's transportation budget because Wisconsin's residents and economy depend on a reliable, effective infrastructure system every day.

“I am looking forward to continue moving Wisconsin forward over the next two years, and I am devoted to ensuring our state is a better place to live, work, travel to, and retire for residents, families, businesses, and future generations.”

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