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## **Rep. Wachs Response to 2017 State of the State Address**

MADISON- Representative Dana Wachs (D-Eau Claire) issued the following statement after Governor Walker's 2017 "State of the State" Address to the Legislature:

"As has become a tradition in this administration, today we were all witness to Governor Walker's ongoing 'victory lap'. Unfortunately, Governor Walker's policies do not benefit the average citizen of this state.

"Governor Walker asked if we are better off than we were 6 years ago. While it's a bit cliché, I'm glad he asked. However, I disagree with him. Our UW System has faced drastic cuts, our roads are crumbling, major projects are delayed, good teachers are leaving the state, and our economy just isn't working for the average citizen. We are 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the Midwest for job creation, and last in the country for entrepreneurial business start-ups.

"Wisconsin deserves better from its government. We must fight for a fair economy that rewards hard work and grows the middle class. We must find a way to repair our rapidly deteriorating transportation infrastructure. We must fund higher education in a way that will grow our economy and make Wisconsin a leader in the country once again, without making students shoulder more burden and debt. We must invest in public education and rural communities throughout the state. Instead of pretending that everything they have been doing is working in Wisconsin, Governor Walker and the Legislative Republicans should look at the actual state of our state. It's time to stop the victory lap. Wisconsinites want solutions, not more rhetoric."

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