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**Representative Jesse James Responds to State of the State Address**

**Madison, WI** – State Representative Jesse James (R-Altoona) released the following statement regarding the Governor’s State of the State Address:

“The State of our State, and our Wisconsin people are tough and resilient. We have survived a global pandemic for over ten months and we are still going. I heard some good things and have concerns about what wasn’t talked about.

“I am excited the Governor sees the need for broadband expansion in our state. This is an issue which we can work together on to ensure our rural communities have access to broadband. Now, more than ever, we need to make the investment to ensure our communities, some who don’t have access to broadband, can be a part of the future and move Wisconsin Forward.

“I am glad to hear Governor Evers is finally prioritizing the backlogged unemployment claims. The reality is we still have hurting Wisconsinites who have claims that are several months old. We have claims that have not been processed, and 9,000 Wisconsinites who are still in the adjudication stage. The Governor could have done something sooner.

“I am disappointed we did not hear any information about the State of Wisconsin’s vaccine distribution plan from the Governor. We need a comprehensive rollout plan, and the subcommittee the Governor created needs to get this information out. The Governor has had months to develop a plan but we still don’t know when we can expect to have access to the vaccine to protect us against COVID-19. I believe everyone who wants to get the vaccine should be able to.”

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**The 68<sup>th</sup> Assembly District represents parts of Eau Claire, Chippewa, Clark, Trempealeau, and Jackson counties.**