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### **Rep. Krug Reaction to the Governor's Budget Address**

NEKOOSA – Tonight Governor Evers completed his duty to deliver a budget bill to the legislature. Over the course of the next few months the legislature's job is to work on the budget. In my time in office that has meant hundreds of budget listening sessions and stakeholder meetings to find the right answers for Central Wisconsin and the state as a whole. I look forward to receiving this feedback and working with my colleagues to craft a budget bill that moves Wisconsin FORWARD.

There are clearly items in the Governor's proposal that I feel are priorities as well. It's great to see that rural Wisconsin is receiving some attention in the increase funding for broadband services, rural school funding and clean water initiatives. My hope is the legislature can find common ground with the Governor on these issues.

I have hesitations with items as well, especially when it comes to taxation. Over the course of the last ten years the legislature has done incredible work to lighten the burden on the average Wisconsin taxpayer while increasing funding for our priorities. Much like Wisconsin families our government has learned to finally live within its means. We have created a budget surplus to craft this state budget from while decreasing the overall tax burden. Our investments this budget cycle should not exceed our revenue. We can't just create higher taxes so we can spend more money. Families don't operate this way and we shouldn't either.

The Governor's proposal increases spending to unsustainable levels and in doing so makes promises with money that the state won't always have. The budget seems to be built on sand, using revenues from marijuana legalization and Medicaid expansion that we simply won't have. Governor Evers looks to expand welfare rolls by close to 100,000 participants in a time that employers are screaming for more qualified workers to come into their businesses. The dignity of work is a cornerstone of my efforts as the chairman of the Public Benefit Reform committee.

Again, with the historic investments we have made into broadband and schools over the last several budgets I fully support making sure our most important priorities receive additional investment. We must be mindful to not break the bank.

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