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Representative Brooks Disheartened by Governor Evers' Budget Proposal

Madison, WI—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) was dismayed with Governor Tony Evers' first budget proposal presented to a joint legislature.

“After hearing Governor Evers' focus on bipartisanship and cooperation during his campaign, I was dismayed with his budget proposal. Not only was his budget a missed opportunity for bipartisanship, it was a culmination of a liberal agenda. It was disconcerting that his proposal was laden with spending and policy items that will be rejected by the legislature,” Representative Brooks opined.

At the legislative session's outset, Governor Evers stressed the importance of bipartisanship and collaboration in this era of divided government. Republicans sent Governor Evers a letter identifying eleven issue areas from his campaign on which they could work together. These shared priorities included: income tax relief, clean water initiatives, and childcare affordability, to name just a few.

“Governor Evers' budget should not erase the progress Republicans have made over the past eight years,” Representative Brooks said. “More Wisconsinites are working than ever before and families are keeping more of their hard-earned money. Now is the time for Republicans and Democrats to work together to move Wisconsin forward.”

Under the auspices of Republican leadership, Wisconsin's economy is stronger than ever. Our budget has a \$600 million surplus and we are anticipating \$1.8 billion in new revenue for fiscal year 2019-2021 budget. In the past eight years, Republicans have reduced taxes by more than \$8 billion.

My staff and I will spend the next few months reviewing Governor Evers' budget and meeting with stakeholders to identify ways to more closely align it with the voters' seminal priorities: smaller government, lower taxes, greater personal freedom, and fiscal responsibility.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues and Governor Evers in the coming months to develop a fiscally sound budget that invests in Wisconsin's priorities,” Representative Brooks said.

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