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## **Rep. Spiros Responds to Governor's Budget Request**

**Madison** – Representative John Spiros (*R – Marshfield*) issued the following statement in response to Governor Tony Evers' budget proposal delivered to state lawmakers in a joint session Thursday evening:

“I was disappointed this evening after hearing Governor Evers present his proposed budget. Early in the year, the governor talked repeatedly about bipartisanship and working together to do what is best for the citizens of Wisconsin. However, his proposed budget makes it clear he has no interest in compromise.

“Our state has made so much progress over the past eight years. During that time, Republicans reduced taxes by more than \$8 billion and built a rainy day fund that is 190 times larger than it was in 2010. More people are working now than ever before, and our economy is strong.

“Sadly, I see proposals in Governor Evers' budget request that would undo some of that hard work. Assembly Republicans have made it clear they won't support tax increases on hardworking Wisconsinites, or an expansion of our welfare system. And yet Governor Evers has filled his budget request with proposals he knows Republicans in the legislature cannot support.

“The people in Wisconsin expect us to be working together during this time of divided government. I truly hope we can find some middle ground and create a state budget that is really best for Wisconsin, without compromising any of our ideals.

“I plan to hold a number of listening sessions in the coming weeks and look forward to speaking with my constituents and learning more about their budget priorities for this session.”

As required by state law, the governor's budget request has been introduced in the Joint Committee on Finance. The committee will soon hold listening sessions around the state to gather input for the budget.

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