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Rep. Swearingen Reacts to State of the State Address

Madison, WI – Representative Rob Swearingen (R – Rhinelander) released the following statement after Governor Tony Evers addressed a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature for his annual State of the State address.

"The State of the State is strong, thanks to the work of legislative Republicans ensuring that the Governor's far-left agenda did not reverse the gains of the past decade. Unfortunately, it seems that the Governor continues to prioritize politics over our State's health and financial welfare.

Rep. Swearingen reiterated his support for state-level PFAS mitigation efforts in response to Governor Evers' claim regarding approved funding to fight PFAS.

"My colleagues and I have been working tirelessly on legislation aimed to form PFAS grant programs for the \$125 million that Republicans allocated in the 2023-25 budget. Over the past several months, we have worked countless hours to negotiate in good faith with the Governor's DNR on provisions they would like to see in a bill, and several concessions were made. I hope Governor Evers truly cares about the health of our communities and signs this legislation next month.

This week, Legislative Republicans put forward another tax reform plan to provide relief for the middle class, parents, and retirees. This proposal comes forward after Governor Evers vetoed the past several proposed tax cuts.

"Last night, Governor Evers vowed to bolster Wisconsin's workforce. While I'm proud of the bipartisan work to pass the workforce housing package, I'm disappointed that he fails to address Wisconsin's record surplus that should be returned to the taxpayers. The Republican legislature has given Governor Evers several attempts to return over \$2 billion to taxpayers. As of this week, he has yet another chance to boost our workforce and provide relief for parents and retirees in Wisconsin.

During the final months of the legislative session, Rep. Swearingen looks forward to voting for bills that ensure clean water and reduce the tax burden on average Wisconsinites.

"The Northwoods continues to be the best area of the State to live, work, and raise a family. I will remain committed to ensuring that the issues most affecting our northern communities remain at the forefront of the legislative agenda.

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Representative Swearingen represents the 34th Assembly District, which includes the Northwoods counties of Oneida and Vilas.