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Rep. Murphy Statement on Governor Walker's Biennial Budget Proposal

(Madison)...Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) gave the following statement after Governor Walker delivered his Biennial Budget Address:

"The Governor offered a strong starting point with his budget proposal and now the legislature will start to refine it and gather public input.

"I am thrilled that the governor is proposing investments and programs to develop a quality workforce. Costs will be kept low for students pursuing training in high-need occupations by the Technical College tuition freeze. Programs like Wisconsin Fast Forward and investments in financial aid for technical education scholarships will help students at Fox Valley Technical College and across the state have access to higher education. There are also many targeted investments to give people with disabilities opportunities to gain skills to support themselves and be independent from government assistance.

"I will take an especially close look at the UW provisions. The UW has a crucial role in workforce development and it is critical to the state's success. Any action needs to result in a stronger UW. I believe that more autonomy from the state will benefit the UW, but clearly the \$300 million dollar cut needs to be addressed.

"I am excited to begin working on the budget and I look forward to hearing from my constituents about their needs and concerns."

To view a video of Representative Murphy's comments, please use the following link: http://media2.legis.state.wi.us/multimedia/ASM56/Budget.wmv

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