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Murphy Response to State of State Address

MADISON, WI —State Representative Dave Murphy (R–Greenville) issued the following statement regarding the governor’s annual State of the State Address:

“Tonight, the governor dedicated his speech to the lives lost to COVID-19. I join him in mourning these lives and extend my deepest condolences to the countless others who have suffered and died due to the thoughtless and cruel actions of the state government that left too many of our people isolated and destitute.

“Tens of thousands of Wisconsin families are still suffering from the lack of preparation by the Evers’ administration before shuttering the state’s economy. The governor fired his Workforce Development Secretary for massive failures, then made countless promises the situation would be fixed, yet we are still behind on processing the unemployment insurance claims of thousands of hardworking people. Wisconsin also lags woefully behind other states with vaccine distribution due to poor planning and lack of coordination by Evers’ administration.

“Our state faces an unprecedented medical emergency and an equally unprecedented government overreach curtailing individual liberty like never before. But not all the news is grim. Unlike so many other states and the federal government, Wisconsin’s financial position is strong, the tax burden has continued to decline for the ninth straight year, and for the first time since October, fewer than one thousand people are actively hospitalized with COVID-19.

“It’s no secret that the governor and I disagree on a great deal. However, failure to agree cannot mean failure to act in the best interests of the Wisconsin people. Regardless of party or political opinions, I’m working every day to get us through this disaster. Last week I voted for a second major COVID-19 relief bill, I’m still communicating with and advocating for local businesses to help them weather this storm, and I’m assisting constituents as they push to get their unemployment claims in time to cover their bills. We can get through this together.”

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