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Rep. Stuck's Statement on Tonight's State of the State Address

Response to Governor Walker's Remarks and Vague Priorities for Wisconsin

MADISON – Representative Stuck issued the following statement in response to Governor Walker's State of the State address.

“Governor Walker is failing to put Wisconsin families first. As a result of the Governor's policies in an election year, Wisconsin faces up to a \$2.2 billion dollar structural deficit and a Transportation fund that is rapidly drying up. It seems clear that Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans have been more worried about re-elections and presidential ambitions than putting Wisconsin back on the right track.”

“While this is my first State of the State address as a Legislator, I had hoped for more cooperation and willingness from the other side of the aisle to work together to strengthen Wisconsin. Rather than bi-partisanship and solutions to problems we have seen hyper-partisan one-sided approach to the issues.”

“Instead of investing in our public schools, we have a bill to take power away from school boards and give an un-elected board of partisan political appointees the power to shutter neighborhood schools. Instead of legislation to clean up campaign financing and take special interest money out of politics, we have talk of making the Government Accountability Board a group of partisan appointees.”

“The Governor has proposed combining multiple Departments of State Government together, these decisions should be made only if they will be able to serve the people of Wisconsin better and more efficiently. It is extremely concerning that the Governor plans to roll even more tax payer dollars and responsibility into his floundering experiment, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). WEDC has proven time and time again that it is irresponsible with taxpayer dollars and has been marred with top-level leadership turnover since the start. I cannot feel comfortable leaving WEDC in charge of its current duties and responsibilities, let alone adding to them.”

“Governor Walker is clearly distracted from running the State of Wisconsin with his attentions focused elsewhere. The Governor needs a reality check, this is Madison, Wisconsin not Washington, D.C. While he can pander to national big-dollar donors and fuel politico's discussions in Washington, I know that the people in the Fox Cities are more concerned about the future of their neighborhood schools, whether or not they can find family-supporting jobs and whether their local roads and highways are properly maintained and repaired.”

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