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Rep. Shankland: Governor Evers Leads on Fair Maps, Insulin Affordability, and Supporting Family Farmers

MADISON – Following Governor Tony Evers' annual State of the State address, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D–Stevens Point) released the following statement:

"Everyone deserves the confidence of fair maps and fair representation, and I am thrilled to see Governor Evers leading on this issue and highlighting it in his State of the State address. I have been a proud cosponsor of nonpartisan redistricting reform legislation every session since I was first elected, and I'm especially pleased that yesterday, the Portage County Board of Supervisors also unanimously passed a resolution to authorize a referendum, giving the people a say on the issue of fair maps."

"I frequently hear from folks about the need for nonpartisan redistricting, and I'm very proud that Portage County is letting the people weigh in on fair maps. Supervisors Meleesa Johnson and Vinnie Miresse championed the resolution, and I am grateful for their strong leadership. Supervisor Miresse said, 'We've had a lot of opportunities to fix this, and now we can let the people of Wisconsin decide who's going to represent them, rather than the other way around. Wisconsin has a long history of being a nonpartisan and purple state, and it's time we bring that back and work together.'

"I agree with Supervisor Miresse – it's time we work together. I am pleased to have Portage County Supervisors Vinnie Miresse and Chai Moua as my guests in the Capitol for the State of the State Address tonight as the governor continues to lead on fair maps."

"I also am pleased that Governor Evers chose to highlight the need to cap the cost of insulin. It's unacceptable that people are forced to ration their insulin because of the exorbitant cost of their lifesaving medicine. In a moral society, everyone has access to the medicine they need to stay alive and thrive. That's why I'm proud to be a coauthor of legislation to cap the price of insulin at \$100/month, and I will continue to advocate for affordable prescription medicine so no one goes without."

"Finally, we must act now to support rural development and help our farmers. I am glad Governor Evers discussed the need for us to support our family farmers, who have supported our state for generations. It's long past time that we support them in turn. I am glad that Governor Evers recognizes the need for action and am pleased by the dedication he has shown to taking meaningful, comprehensive steps forward for our farmers and rural communities."

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