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### **Rep. Considine: Our state deserves better**

**Madison** –Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement in response to Governor Scott Walker’s 2016 State of the State address, which was delivered Tuesday evening in the Assembly Chambers:

“For the past year, my Democratic colleagues and I have worked hard to introduce legislation that would fully fund our public schools, create sustainable jobs and support Wisconsin’s working families, improve broadband and health care access in our rural communities, and more. While Governor Walker claims to have addressed many of these issues, the reality is that the measures we have seen from the Governor and my Republican colleagues in the Legislature are simply not enough.

“It is not enough to talk about investing in public education when our schools have seen severe budget cuts in recent years due to the vouchers given to private school students. It is not enough to claim to support higher education when our UW System has lost hundreds of millions of dollars in state aid. These cuts have resulted in an unprecedented talent exodus from Wisconsin. It is not enough to say our state is doing just fine while our roads are quite literally crumbling and our state correctional institutions are unsafe.

“The people of our state deserve better. I am hopeful that in the coming year, the Republican legislative majority will work *with* Democrats to help improve life in our state for all, not just those who can afford it.”

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