

Representative • 97th Assembly District

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Gov. Evers continues to blame others for his maladministration

Nine months after a shutdown of Wisconsin's schools and business, Governor Evers still has the audacity to blame the legislature for the state's problems. Let's be honest: the legislature passed an emergency bill last year which largely tracked the governor's request. The Governor, not legislature, shut down businesses and schools during the pandemic, forcing an unprecedented spike in unemployment and an unprecedented backlog of unemployment claims processing.

Fiscally, the State of Wisconsin remains able to stand on its feet because we had a strong foundation of common-sense conservative policies enacted by Gov. Walker and previous legislatures: lower taxes, less regulation, and contributions to the state's rainy day fund.

My constituents in the 97th Assembly District are dissatisfied with the administration's course of action, having been battered by excessive and burdensome mandates, prohibitions on visiting loved ones in nursing homes, and restrictions in their places of worship and fellowship. Businesses were labeled as "nonessential" and shut down, with workers losing their incomes and access to health care. To them, the governor's phony claims of "following the science" is just leading them to despair, loneliness, and personal financial ruin.

Wisconsin has real problems which have no ideological divide. Affordable workforce housing stock continues its decline. Property taxes, particularly problematic for those on fixed incomes, continue to rise despite the legislature's best efforts. Racial disparities in education outcomes, terrible even before the pandemic, can only have grown worse.

Wisconsin has big challenges to overcome in defeating COVID, restoring our economy, and remaining one of the greatest states to live and work. If only we had a governor less concerned about politics and more focused on a grand vision for Wisconsin's future.

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The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City and Village of Waukesha and the Towns of Genesee, and Mukwonago.