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Governor's Math Does Not Add Up

Madison – Rep. Joy Goeben (*R-Hobart*) issued the following statement in response to the Governor's Budget Address:

"Governor Evers needs to head back to the classroom for a lesson on math and economics before he makes bold promises to provide \$2 billion in tax relief when in reality he is continuing to hand out taxpayer money for his liberal agenda.

"Last night, we heard the governor laid out his spending agenda for the next biennium. Fortunately, the Republican led Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) will take up his spending spree and craft a plan for Wisconsin that is responsible instead of a spending free-for-all.

"One would imagine the "education governor" would be better at making sure the numbers add up to a sound fiscal strategy, instead we heard a seemingly disingenuous promise to not raise property taxes. However he has repeatedly vetoed bills sent to him by the Republican legislature that would have cut property taxes while demanding a 400-year tax increase in the last budget that has resulted in more wasted money for taxpayers via litigation.

"In light of a mandate from the American people and Wisconsinites to reduce government inefficiencies and waste, the governor has proposed to not only spend nearly \$2 billion more than his agencies requested but to add two new agencies to the government bloat. I am thankful our Assembly Committee on Government Operations, Accountability, and Transparency (GOAT) will not only curb in existing waste and fraud but in conjunction with JFC, will ensure our state operates in the most transparent and efficient way possible."

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Representative Goeben represents the 5th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Hobart, Kaukauna, Freedom, Lawrence, Seymour, and Little Chute, and portions of Outagamie and Brown Counties.