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Walker Budget Priorities Ignore Wisconsin Families

MADISON – State Representative Daniel Riemer (D – Milwaukee) released the following statement in response to Governor Walker’s Budget Address Tuesday evening.

“The backbone of Wisconsin is its middle class, but Governor Walker’s budget has made it harder for our middle class families to make a living and provide for their children. The budget that Governor Walker put forward tonight is the direct result of self-inflicted wounds that have led to a massive budget deficit. This deficit is a direct result of over \$800 million in tax cuts last year that went mostly to those with six and seven figure incomes, instead of middle-class families.

“Governor Walker’s plan for the UW System and our neighborhood schools shows that he is not concerned with the future of Wisconsin. By undermining our state’s universities, Walker’s budget would further polarize our state and negatively impact middle class families and tomorrow’s workforce. Governor Walker’s focus should be on restoring economic opportunities for Wisconsin families and for our children, not destroying our public education system one budget at a time.

“Governor Walker’s plan for health care in this budget puts politics before the people of Wisconsin. The continued decision to not strengthen BadgerCare harms the thousands of Wisconsin residents who could gain access through BadgerCare and turns its back on hundreds of millions of dollars to fill the budget gap. Strengthening BadgerCare would make our state stronger, help us balance our budget, and guarantee access to affordable health care for tens of thousands of uninsured Wisconsinites.

“I am ready to work with Governor Walker and my Republican colleagues to keep Wisconsin on the right path. We need to focus on keeping our middle class strong and ensuring a bright future for our children. To do this, we must create a truly middle class budget.”

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