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Rep. Katsma Ready to Work on State Budget

Madison... State Representative Terry Katsma (R–Oostburg) issued the following statement in response to Governor Scott Walker’s budget address on Tuesday night.

“Governor Walker has provided the Legislature with a solid conservative foundation that we intend to improve upon. Our state must have a spending plan that invests in schools, continues to build our economy and protects taxpayers. It’s our job now to listen to our constituents and work to make this budget even better.

“Tonight, I heard the Governor outline a philosophy of encouraging growth and driving opportunity—but keeping government limited in scope and holding it ever more accountable to the public. That means that we have to ensure that college education continues to be accessible and affordable in our state; in fact, it means ensuring that every school successfully educates our children. It means investing appropriately in Wisconsin’s strong highway system—literally the backbone of our thriving economy.

“Driving the creation of opportunity also means providing more ways to help move people out of dependency and toward self-sufficiency. Governor Walker pointed out that there are more than 72,000 job openings posted on the state website waiting to be filled by qualified applicants; it is critical that we continue helping people qualify for stable jobs—and keep them.

“I am eager to get to work on the new state budget and receive your input in coming weeks. With your help, we can craft the best possible budget for our state and give Wisconsin citizens the future they deserve.”

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Rep. Katsma represents the 26th Assembly District which includes the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake and Cedar Grove; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman and Wilson. Katsma serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and as a member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Housing and Real Estate, Ways and Means and Workforce Development.