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Response to State of the State Address

Madison—Representative Terry Katsma (R—Oostburg) offered the following comments in response to Governor Scott Walker’s State of the State Address before the state legislature.

“We worked hard in 2015 to make Wisconsin a more attractive place to live and work, and the progress highlighted by the Governor demonstrates that things are improving. It has been 14 years since our state’s unemployment rate has been as low as it is right now. We have already been taking steps—such as freezing in-state college tuition—to make sure that our next generation of workers can learn the skills they need to succeed. We passed a state budget that included no tax increases despite increasing K-12 education funding and preserving long-term care programs and SeniorCare. And we have been researching ways to improve the quality of life of patients and family members afflicted by Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

“More work remains to be done, and I look forward to having Governor Walker’s leadership on some new priorities. There is more that we can do to train workers to fill the tens of thousands of jobs that are going unfilled in Wisconsin—jobs that must be filled for our businesses to grow, including the 2,400 jobs currently open in Sheboygan County alone. And although we have begun reducing our state’s incredibly high tax burden, we can do better. We have made enormous progress, and the Governor’s message demonstrated more clearly than ever that Wisconsin is moving in the right direction.”

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Representative Terry Katsma represents the 26th Assembly District including 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. He 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.