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## Rep. Swearingen Applauds Governor's State of the State Address

**Madison, WI** – Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) released the following statement after Governor Scott Walker addressed the Wisconsin State Legislature for his seventh State of the State address Tuesday afternoon.

"I am pleased with the goals that Governor Walker highlighted during his State of the State address this afternoon. It is clear that the reforms we have put in place are working for the state of Wisconsin. Today, the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in more than 15 years; we have reduced taxes by \$4.7 billion since 2011; and the state has invested more resources this past year into college and career readiness initiatives, such as Fab Labs.

"It is very encouraging to hear that the Governor remains committed to helping rural schools that face the unique challenges of declining enrollment, limited broadband access and high transportation costs. As a rural legislator, this continues to be a top priority of mine and I applaud the Governor for working with the legislature to address these issues.

"While the state of our state is strong, I am eager to get back to work with my colleagues to pass more meaningful and responsible reforms that continue to move Wisconsin and the Northwoods in the right direction," Swearingen concluded.

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