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## **Rep. Born Reacts to Governor's Budget Address**

**Madison** – Representative Mark Born (R – Beaver Dam) made the following statement in reaction to the Governor's Budget Address:

"Tonight, we heard Governor Evers tout how great of a financial position Wisconsin is in thanks to responsible Republican budgeting for over a decade. Our policies have returned more money to taxpayers, helping to fuel economic growth, while investing in important priorities like K-12 education, healthcare and roads.

"Instead of learning from our success, Governor Evers went with the same old approach he's taken the past two budgets—more taxing and more spending. His budget would massively grow government, spend at unsustainable levels and force Wisconsin taxpayers to suffer the consequences.

"Republicans are committed to crafting a common sense budget that provides meaningful tax relief and invests in key areas like K-12 education, workforce, public safety and local governments. But our budget won't simply include blanket handouts—we are going to work towards reforms that improve student outcomes and create cost-saving measures on the local level. Our budget will incentivize talent attraction and workforce housing, while supporting our criminal justice and corrections systems to better serve the people of our state.

"There are two visions for Wisconsin: Governor Evers' vision of raising taxes on Wisconsinites by over a billion dollars, growing government despite being unable to effectively manage his existing agencies, and implementing policies that will stifle economic growth. Or, the Republican vision of returning taxpayer dollars, helping our kids learn to read and do math, and keeping our communities safe from criminals.

"Now that Governor Evers has released his unworkable, impractical, liberal wish-list budget, Republicans will go to work creating a smart and sustainable budget that delivers results for the people of Wisconsin."

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