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## Rep. Sue Conley Responds to the State of the State Address

**(MADISON)** – Rep. Sue Conley (D-Janesville) released the following statement following Governor Tony Evers’ State of the State address:

“Governor Evers’ 2021 State of the State address focused on the disparities across Wisconsin that the Covid-19 pandemic has only aggravated.

Now more than ever, broadband access is essential to communities. As Governor Evers mentioned in his address, the pandemic highlights the digital divide that exists throughout Wisconsin communities. In Janesville’s 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, a 2019 survey found that 40% of households do not have internet access. Students need equal access to the technology we are increasingly relying upon to educate them during the pandemic.

Last year, Governor Evers announced the creation of the People’s Maps Commission. The Commission has been hosting virtual hearings in every congressional district to receive public input to begin drawing The People’s Maps for redistricting. Legislative Republicans have said they will ignore any maps the Commission creates, but I hope we can create new maps that truly reflect “the will of the people.”

Throughout 2020, we heard about the many hurdles applicants for unemployment insurance faced. People in Wisconsin work hard, and as Governor Evers emphasized, elected officials should be coming together to find solutions to the challenges people face.

I look forward to working with Governor Evers to get things done for the people of Wisconsin.”

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