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Rep. Considine on the 2021 State of the State Address

Madison – Tonight, Governor Tony Evers delivered his 2021 State of the State Address. In his speech he called on the Legislature to take action on some of the major issues facing our state. After the speech, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement:

“The past year was unexpected and provided us with unprecedented challenges. It also highlighted issue areas that were in need of attention, such as rural development, unemployment insurance, and our ability to work together.

“I consistently hear from constituents who are having trouble starting up their business because of their unreliable broadband. Throughout COVID-19 I heard from households who were unable to work remotely or utilize distance learning during their quarantines. I often experienced this issue myself as I tried to juggle virtual obligations with my family, work, and campaign. I also hear often that broadband impedes the accessibility of telemedicine. I am proud to hear Governor Evers promise to put nearly \$150 million towards broadband expansion infrastructure. I pledge to continue to advocate for my constituents. I will continue to introduce bills that expand accessibility and ensure broadband doesn’t inhibit rural development.

“I am glad to hear Governor Evers call for a special session of the Legislature to pass a bill to fix the broken unemployment system. In the past year, I quickly learned the intricacies of the unemployment insurance process. I’ve also discovered where there are roadblocks in the system. This session, I will continue to advocate for your claims to be processed in a timely manner. I will also work to make the process more efficient. The system shouldn’t be designed so that hardworking Wisconsinites face homelessness before having their claim processed.

“Tonight, Governor Evers spoke about nonpartisan redistricting. I have been passionate about this since before I was elected. Politicians shouldn’t look at a map and choose who they want to represent. People should choose their politicians. That is why I don’t think politicians should be in charge of the redistricting process. A nonpartisan redistricting process would ensure that no matter who is in office, the power resides with the people. I will continue to fight for this in the 2021-2022 Legislative Session.

“I know that community is a big part of what makes Wisconsinites who we are. That is why I am proud of the way our communities came together in the past year. We helped our neighbors and found creative solutions to problems as they arose. I am bringing that spirit into this year as I address these outstanding issues. I am proud to represent you as I do this.”

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