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Rep. Spiros Responds to the Governor's Budget Address

Madison – Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield), Chair of the Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, issued the following statement in response to the Governor's Budget Address before a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

“Overall, we heard another liberal wish list from the Governor that does not reflect the needs and priorities of Wisconsin. The Governor would rather spend money in Madison than come to the table to discuss the issues that matter most to hard-working Wisconsinites throughout the state.

I consistently hear from constituents who want to see bipartisanship in politics, and believe me, I do too. Sadly, what has been disappointing with Governor Evers, is that his "talk" about working together sounds promising and sincere. Unfortunately, his "actions" are one-sided, with no interest in actually working together with the Legislature. His budget address reflects this.

Colleagues of mine from the Green Bay area have pushed year after year for something to be done with the Green Bay Correctional facility based on its age and many other factors. I am glad the Governor has finally agreed that a change needs to be made with this facility. However, I was disappointed that the Governor proposed much broader system-wide changes to the Wisconsin correctional and justice system without consulting with the Legislature.

For any reforms to move forward, we must prioritize public safety over a massive early release system that could threaten our communities. I look forward to reviewing the specific details of the Governor's budget proposal in the coming weeks.

Also, I am excited to get to work to help the Legislature write another fiscally responsible budget that will keep our state on the right track and return surplus funds back to taxpayers. Republicans will continue to work towards making Wisconsin a great place to live, work, and play.”

The Joint Committee on Finance, the state's budget-writing committee, will soon hold listening sessions around the state to gather citizen input. Constituents can also submit input directly to Rep. Spiros by emailing rep.spiros@legis.wi.gov.

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