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Wimberger Comments on State of the State Address

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) released the following statement after Governor Tony Evers delivered his 2025 State of the State address:

"Just like he's done in years past, Governor Evers attempted to take credit for legislative Republicans' accomplishments and put forward a series of out-of-touch, radical proposals. While Wisconsin's middle-class families have been wrestling with inflation, the Governor vetoed tax cuts which would have kept more money in the wallets of hardworking taxpayers across the state. At the same time, the Governor prioritizes the same tired, far-left policy wish list – amnesty for illegals, massive government spending, red flag laws, and DEI initiatives – that stand no chance of passing through a bipartisan legislature.

As a member of the Legislature's budget-writing committee, I look forward to working with my colleagues to craft a fiscally sound budget that responsibly advances the priorities of the 2nd Senate District: lowering our tax burden, and using surplus as one-time spending on critical infrastructure in our communities.

If Governor Evers' budgets passed as introduced in years past, Wisconsin would be billions of dollars in deficit, and we would be considering massive cuts and tax increases instead of fiscal surpluses. The children and families of Wisconsin deserve better than the same tired, failed spending that doesn't actually deliver for them."

In the 2023-2024 Session, Governor Evers vetoed a series of tax cuts passed by legislative Republicans that would have delivered tax relief to middle-class families. Among the initiatives the Governor vetoed are \$4.3 billion in combined income and property tax reductions as part of the 2023-2024 Budget, a reduction of Wisconsin's income tax brackets from four to three, lowered tax rates for taxpayers in each bracket, and tax-free retirement.

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State Senator Eric Wimberger is a former Marine Captain, attorney, and small business owner. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He represents the 2nd Senate District, including parts of Brown, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca Counties.

A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found <u>here</u>.