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## Wimberger on Evers' Budget Address

Real Reform is Needed, Not More Unchecked Spending

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) released the following statement after Governor Tony Evers delivered his biennial budget address to the Legislature:

"Once again, Governor Evers has overestimated revenue expectations, underestimated costs, and used innovative accounting to convince us he has a balanced budget. He does not. And, once again, the Republican Legislature will generate a responsible budget that keeps Wisconsin on the right track."

It's especially frustrating to see the Governor continue to play politics with PFAS. Last session, I led legislative Republicans in setting aside \$125 million to begin cleaning up these forever chemicals. The Governor needlessly vetoed the plan over protections for innocent landowners. Now, after delaying this relief for a year, he says he wants to protect innocent landowners. While it's encouraging to see him change his mind, he is no champion for pollution victims. Victims of PFAS pollution deserve an apology for his needless delay of this relief.

My colleagues on the state's budget-writing committee and I will be drafting a responsible budget in the coming months that can actually pass through a bipartisan Legislature. Delivering real relief and reform to Wisconsin's hardworking families, not more out-of-touch spending, will be our highest priority."

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, including parts of Brown, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca Counties.

A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found here.