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Senate President Felzkowski Response to Budget Address

Madison, WI- Tonight, Governor Evers gave his biennial Budget Address and introduced his proposed 2025-27 'budget' for Wisconsin. After the speech, his 'budget' was introduced in the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC). Every budget cycle, JFC crafts the budget from scratch as Governor Evers' 'budget' is not a serious document. Over the next several months, JFC will gather public input and craft a responsible state budget- a stark contrast to what Governor Evers has proposed. Senate President Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) issued the following statement:

"It is a pleasant surprise to see the Governor acknowledge that conservative policies, like no tax on tips and middle-class tax relief, are the correct path forward for Wisconsin. Unfortunately, the Governor also laid out unrealistic spending proposals, costly new regulations, and policies that clearly need input from the legislative branch. This is unsurprising given that he knows Republicans will pass a responsible budget, regardless of any grandstanding he does.

"Strong Republican governance over the last decade is the sole reason Wisconsin is fiscally sound today. Just last budget cycle, the Governor's proposal would have turned a \$7 billion surplus into a \$3 billion deficit. And don't forget history when the Governor discusses middle-class tax cuts either: he vetoed 3 of them last session.

"After spending four sessions on the Joint Finance Committee, I know firsthand how irresponsible the Governor's proposals have been, and how unwilling he is to come to the table and discuss real solutions. I hope recent actions indicate a departure from the Governor's normal lack of engagement with the Legislature, and look forward to receiving an invitation from him to discuss policies that actually benefit Wisconsinites."