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Senator Ballweg Reacts to Biennial Budget Address

Madison... Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) issued the following statement in reaction to Governor Evers biennial budget address which was presented to the Wisconsin State Legislature on February 15, 2023.

"Governor Evers has been releasing portions of his budget plan since the State of the State address in January. His address tonight was more of the same old rhetoric. It included significant tax increases for working Wisconsin families, unsustainable new spending and was full of policy changes.

"As we begin work on the state budget, we will address the obligations of the state, fund our priorities and prepare for the future of Wisconsin. Governor Evers has presented three budgets to the legislature. Through these spending plans and the dispersal of federal pandemic relief funds, he has proven to be an urban governor. Wisconsin cannot leave its rural communities behind. Legislative republicans will ensure all of Wisconsin is funded in this plan.

"It is important that all of Wisconsin is heard in this process. The legislature will be seeking public input in the upcoming months.

"I look forward to serving again as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance and creating a budget that is good for all of Wisconsin."

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To reach Sen. Ballweg with questions or comments please call (608) 266-0751 or email <u>Sen.Ballweg@legis.wi.gov</u>. The 14th Senate District is located in Central Wisconsin, and is composed of parts of Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Outagamie, Sauk, Waupaca, and Waushara counties.