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Senator Mark Spreitzer Applauds Governor Evers's 2023 State of the State Address

MADISON – Following the Governor's 2023 State of the State address this evening, State Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:

"Thanks to Governor Evers and Wisconsin Democrats, the state of our state is strong. In his first term, Governor Evers championed programs to expand broadband access, support small businesses, and improve our local roads and infrastructure. Governor Evers and Wisconsin Democrats are ready to build on our track record of success in the Governor's second term, and I am excited to get to work.

"With record budget surplus projections of over \$6 billion, we must take advantage of this opportunity to invest in the people and the essential services of our state. The Governor has announced that his 2023-25 state budget will invest in the priorities of the 15th Senate District – supporting our kids and schools, ensuring that child care is accessible and affordable, and funding critical services like fire and EMS that keep our communities safe.

"I am grateful that Governor Evers will propose a budget that will make bold new investments and continue to invest in the programs already working for our state. From doubling our state's historic investment in broadband expansion to fully funding our public schools, from investing \$50 million to continue the Main Street Bounceback Program that has helped thousands of businesses to a crucial increase in funding for emergency services, and from more than \$100 million to clean up PFAS contamination in our water to more than \$340 million for the Child Care Counts program - Governor Evers is proposing smart investments that tackle the biggest issues facing our state. I am also pleased that Governor Evers declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health, putting a spotlight on this important need in our state.

"As we begin the new legislative session and the budget process, there is much to be done to support the people of Wisconsin. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature on these critical issues."

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