

# Rep. Knodl: Statement on Gov. Walker's State of the State address

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**Madison** – State Representative Dan Knodl (R-Germantown) issued the following statement following Governor Walker's 2018 State of the State Address:

“The State of our State is not only strong, it is historically strong. Our unemployment rate is 3%, the lowest level on record and our state surplus continues to grow. We've been able to significantly reduce the tax burden on families while still providing record funding for public education.

“When I talk with employers in the 24th Assembly District, they tell me they often have trouble finding workers to fill job openings. It is important that we incentivize work. Helping individuals get off of government assistance and back into the workforce helps families and creates a stronger economy. Today, Governor Walker outlined additional common sense changes to welfare programs here in Wisconsin. These reforms will help more people find sustainable careers to support their families.

“Wisconsin is ranked number one in the nation for healthcare quality, and Governor Walker laid out innovative ways to ensure individuals and families across the state have access. Obamacare has failed many families in Wisconsin who have seen their premiums skyrocket to unaffordable levels. Governor Walker's plan will work around the failures of Obamacare to provide relief and stability to Wisconsin families. Additionally, I support Governor Walker's call to make sure people who have pre-existing conditions have access to health insurance.

“Governor Walker also announced the creation of a new child tax credit here in

Wisconsin. This proposal will help hard-working families across the state. Our reforms are working and we are making sure that additional surplus dollars make it back to you, the taxpayers.”

Watch commentary from Rep. Knodl on the State of the State

Address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ejOqt4kCcQ&feature=youtu.be>