

Sen. Erpenbach: Statement on State of the State

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MADISON – “I am disappointed that I was unable to join my colleagues for Governor Tony Evers’ first State of the State Address. Unfortunately, an illness prevented me from being there in person, and I joined Wisconsinites from across the state in watching the speech from my home.

“I was happy to see the Governor salute Dr. Mike Leckrone, who is retiring as the Director of the University of Wisconsin Marching Band after 50 years. I want to congratulate him in his remarkable and unforgettable years at the University.

“Tonight, Governor Evers put forth an agenda that puts the people of our state first. From expanding access to affordable healthcare, funding our schools, reforming criminal justice and addressing our deteriorating infrastructure, these priorities reflect a new era, and I am looking forward to working with the Governor to make Wisconsin work for everyone.

“Governor Evers has proven his dedication to the people of Wisconsin. He has already appointed a diverse cabinet, prohibited discrimination against the LGBTQ employees who serve our state, and laid out a plan to expand Medicaid, fund our schools, and address our transportation funding crisis. He is listening to Wisconsinites’ wishes to move past endless political battles and focus on the issues that our families care about.

“For too long Republicans have pushed an agenda that puts the wealthy and well-connected before our communities. It is time that we work across the aisle on

proven solutions that will level the playing field, grow the middle class, and expand economic opportunities. Democrats are ready to take the lead this session on paving the path forward, and we are committed to getting things done.”