

Rep. Kind: Statement on State of the Union

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Washington, DC— Rep. Ron Kind released the following statement after attending the President's State of the Union address tonight:

"America is at its best when we work together, across party lines to get things done. I'm proud to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make prescription drugs more affordable, lower health care costs, invest in our country's infrastructure, and increase access to affordable, high-speed internet for rural areas.

"It's alarming that the President continues to ignore the fact that our deficit was over \$1 trillion last year - the highest it has been since the country was climbing out of the Great Recession. I am also disappointed that the President failed to discuss giving our farmers the support they actually need - relief from the Administration's reckless tariffs.

"If the President wants to carry out the agenda he laid out tonight, he must be willing to work together with Congress. I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues to find common ground and break down the hyper-partisanship in Congress to make life better for Wisconsinites."

Rep. Kind invited Dr. Doug Kratt, President-Elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association and co-owner of Central Animal Hospital in La Crosse, to attend tonight's address as his guest to highlight the need to address the shortage of veterinarians in rural Wisconsin. Last year, Rep. Kind introduced bipartisan

legislation to encourage veterinarians to move to high-need areas in Wisconsin and throughout the country by increasing the number of student loan debt relief awards the USDA gives out every year.