

# Rep. Vorpapel: Statement on Gov. Evers budget address

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Madison- State Representative Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth) issued the following Governor Evers' second Budget Address.

“Tonight the Joint Legislature convened to accept Governor Evers’ second budget proposal. Unfortunately, the Governor chose not to address the body directly or with a live speech, but with a pre-recorded video.

“Unlike other states that are in a financial hole, we are starting in a strong position financially as a state. Thanks to common-sense reforms and fiscally responsible spending levels the Legislature set in the past, Wisconsin currently enjoys a budget surplus over \$1 billion. This allows us to put together a budget that does not result in tax increases, works to invest surplus dollars wisely, and helps our state continue to recover from COVID.

“In the weeks leading up to his Budget Address, we reminded Governor Evers that his budget proposal should not simply be a tax and spend liberal wish-list like it was two years ago. As we get closer to the end of this pandemic we need a budget is balanced and moves us forward. Unfortunately, with an initial look at his proposal this evening, things like increasing taxes, expanding welfare, and eliminating reforms that have saved Wisconsin billions of dollars are not going to accomplish that goal.

“That doesn’t mean there are not areas where we can work together. I appreciate that the Governor is working to put more resources towards mental health services and devoting more funding to small business assistance. Over the next few months,

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee to help craft a budget that will keep Wisconsin heading in the right direction.”

*Representative Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27th Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.*