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Family Friendly Wisconsin: State of the Union address celebrates accomplishments & emphasizes need for further action

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MADISON, Wis. – Family Friendly Wisconsin released the following statement today after President Joe Biden delivered his State of the Union Address on March 1, 2022, emphasizing both accomplishments over the year and the work still needed to be done to uplift and empower Wisconsin working families.

Brita Olsen, state director of Family Friendly Wisconsin:

“During their first year in office, the Biden-Harris Administration took decisive action to transform the American economy for working families and address the COVID pandemic head on. Thanks to the leadership of President Biden, Sen. Tammy Baldwin, and Reps. Ron Kind, Gwen Moore, and Mark Pocan, families received the relief they desperately needed, including an expanded Child Tax Credit that put money directly in the pockets of working families and lifted millions of children out of poverty.

“However, as President Biden stated, there is more work to be done, especially as too many families continue to feel the squeeze of higher costs. We are encouraged that President Biden called on Congress to send him legislation that lowers costs of everyday expenses working families face, including prescription drug costs and child care and pre-k costs, and establishes a national paid family and medical leave program.

“Family Friendly Wisconsin calls on Sen. Ron Johnson to prioritize the needs of

families across our state by working to lower the cost of things like prescription drugs and child care, and pass the policies working families desperately need, including paid family and medical leave."