

Rep. Vorpapel: Statement on Gov. Evers' State of the State address

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Madison- State Representative Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth) issued the following statement in response to Governor Tony Evers' State of the State address.

"It took guts last night for Governor Evers' stand up in the Assembly Chambers and take credit for a Republican-crafted budget with a massive middle class tax cut. Instead, hoping the citizens of Wisconsin forget that he tried to raise their taxes by more than \$1 billion during a pandemic, take away school choice, crush small businesses across the state by forcing them to stay closed, and refused to take the lead getting our schools back open.

"Governor Tony Evers has had unilateral control over the flood of federal funds, yet only 1% has been spent in the Category of Workforce and Employment. He and his administration continue to fight tooth and nail to keep more people on benefits rather than get them back to work despite workforce shortages.

"The Legislature on the other hand is committed to supporting our Wisconsin economy, protecting our freedoms, cracking down on crime, and fixing our workforce issues. We've passed legislation to address all these serious issues, only to see Governor Ever put politics over people and continue to veto good public policy. Tomorrow we will be on the floor to once again to pass additional workforce legislation to help fill the vacancies in our state.

"At the end of the day after 3 years of being Governor, Tony Evers has done little more than take credit for federal funds given to him by the Federal Government. As for me, I'll continue to work hard to make sure our tax dollars are spent sensibly."