

Rep. Callahan: Responds to Governor's budget address

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[Madison, WI] – State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) released the following statement in response to the biennial state budget address presented by Governor Tony Evers to a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature last night in the State Assembly Chamber:

“The governor knew that many of the policy-focused items in his budget proposal have no merit in a Republican-led legislature,” stated Rep. Callahan, “and yet he chose to propose them anyways. I’ve been optimistic about the opportunity to work together with the governor on things we can find common ground on, such as mental health, local transportation funding, and broadband expansion, and I will continue to leave my door open for discussion on those items. However, I’m disappointed by the opportunity he missed at showing the legislature he is willing to work with us on crafting a realistic budget that benefits all Wisconsinites – not just those in Madison and Milwaukee.

“I remain committed to advocating for my constituents and the priorities of the Northwoods, while being a responsible steward of taxpayer money. Over the next few months, my legislative colleagues and I will be holding budget listening sessions around our districts to hear directly from folks about what they would like to see included in the final budget. I am confident the Legislature will pass a budget that reflects the values of all Wisconsinites.”