

Sen. Agard: Reacts to Governor Evers' State of the State address

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MADISON - Today, Governor Evers delivered the 2023 State of the State Address in the Assembly Chambers. Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement upon conclusion of the Governor's address:

"As Governor Evers emphasized tonight, investing in Wisconsin's families, workers, and retirees is a critical step in strengthening our workforce, supporting small businesses, and creating stronger communities. Under Governor Evers' leadership, Wisconsin led the nation in share of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars allocated to businesses and economic development. Unemployment rates in Wisconsin reached record lows recently, while our state's labor participation rate trends above the national average. The Governor's State of the State Address made it clear that he remains committed to bolstering our economy and increasing opportunities for workers during his next four years.

"Governor Evers understands that to have a prosperous economy in our state, we must ensure that businesses and families have access to broadband and high speed internet, that parents can afford quality childcare when they are at work, that are public schools are well equipped to prepare the next generation of Wisconsin adults, and so much more. The strength of our state's economy is dependent on the strength of the working folks in Wisconsin. We all do better, when we all do better.

"We must continue to lift up our working and middle class by enacting sustainable, targeted tax relief, investing in good-paying quality jobs, and ensuring that our communities have the necessary resources to lift up ordinary Wisconsinites, and that is exactly what Wisconsin Democrats intend to do over the next four years. It's time to put the economic needs of ordinary Wisconsinites first, from birth through

retirement. My colleagues and I are more than ready to build upon the successes of the last four years and ensure that our economy, our communities, and our government works for everyone.