

WisDems: Statement on President Biden's State of the Union Address

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MADISON, Wis. — Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement following President Biden's 2023 State of the Union Address:

"Tonight, President Biden reminded us all of the historic progress our nation has made over the past two years, and shared his agenda for the future.

"Under President Biden's historic leadership, our country is now seeing some of the lowest unemployment rates since 1969, with an economic agenda that is delivering a boom in manufacturing, clean energy, and infrastructure. And working in a bipartisan fashion, the president has delivered on key priorities, such as expanding access to health care for our veterans, funding domestic production of advanced semiconductors, and the first gun safety reforms to pass Congress in nearly three decades.

"As the president said tonight, now we need to finish the job.

"As President Biden made clear tonight, we must continue our work to build an economy that works for everyone with smart, fiscally responsible investments that reduce the deficit by finally making the largest corporations and wealthiest Americans begin to pay their fair share. We must continue the work to build safe and strong communities by working to end gun violence and the opioid epidemic. And we must take action to expand access to health care, address our national mental health crisis, and continue to invest in the research that will end cancer as we know it. President Biden is fighting for what everyone deserves: a future in which, no matter where we live, who we love, or what we look like, we all have a fair shot at the American Dream.

“Finally, just as President Biden made clear his priorities tonight, Republican politicians in Washington have made their priorities clear as well. With Wisconsin’s own Bryan Steil and Mike Gallagher at his side, Kevin McCarthy has advanced an extreme agenda that would make our economy less fair, health care more expensive and less accessible, and imperil the Social Security and Medicare benefits millions depend on.

“The President tonight reminded us all that America is a story of progress and resilience, that a strong democracy makes this possible, and that together we can deliver for the American people, just as we have for the last two years.”