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REP. KRUG REMARKS ON **STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

Madison- Rep. Scott Krug (R-Rome) The accomplishments and goals laid out by Governor Walker during the State of the State showed that Wisconsin is now, more than ever, a great place to live, work, and play. The hard work of the Wisconsin State Legislature and leadership of Governor Walker have led to more people working now than ever before in State history. With the historically high employment rate, historically low unemployment rate, and the highest dollar amount ever invested into our education system we can be proud of the work done these last few years.

The three most exciting things Governor Walker talked about were investing in our education system, his welfare reform plan, and the rural economic development fund.

“Investing in Higher Education starts early on, long before a student steps foot on a college campus. The historic investment in education ensures that every child will have access to a great education. Even in rural parts of the state where school’s needs can be unique. Keeping more money in the classroom in rural schools will help these schools give students the education they deserve.”

“The Governor’s welfare reform plan is something the state of Wisconsin desperately needs. I have worked in these programs, and I just know the state can do better. Although the unemployment rate is at a historic low, there are still barriers that are keeping folks from working. In the Governor’s special session bill package the legislature will have the chance to take those barriers down, and give people the skills they need. As the Chair of the Public Benefit Reform Committee I am excited to have a public hearing on these bills next week.”

“Overall the plan for the Rural Economic Development fund rival that of the investments made in the Foxconn legislation.” \$50M per year will be available to rural WI to encourage job growth, employee training and support projects to keep rural WI competitive in a global market. “For my rural areas this fund, the Governor’s support for clean water initiatives, and the agricultural scholarship fund will combine to recharge our economies, keep our tourist destinations and area lakes cleaner and keep our local graduates right here. Proud to live, work, play and raise a family in Central WI.”

It is great to know that we are making positive things happen here in Wisconsin.

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