Weekly Radio Address: Jim Steineke on Homelessness Initiatives

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) released the Weekly Radio Address on behalf of Wisconsin State Republicans.

Hi, I’m Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke.

While for many of us the cooler air signals costumes and candy, turkey and football, for too many Wisconsinites, the dropping temperature means a long Wisconsin winter ahead without a roof over their heads.

Last week, the Assembly proclaimed October 10th as World Homeless Day – a day meant to increase visibility towards an issue that is too often invisible to the naked eye. Because the fact is, in every single corner of our state, from Hayward to Kenosha, Platteville to Marinette, families, children, veterans and more are experiencing homelessness.

You may have read in your local newspaper this week about how our state is taking on the issue of homelessness. Having worked with many advocates, I can tell you that increasing the attention and visibility homelessness receives is huge in making strides to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home. But as a lawmaker, I know that it’s not just visibility, but legislative steps, that need to progress.

That’s why, over the past few years, I have joined my Assembly Republican colleagues in authoring and advocating for legislation that took some crucial first steps towards addressing homelessness – the first steps our state had seen in decades. And this spring, we continued to make strides by introducing new legislation that builds on the foundation those first steps laid. And I’m proud to say, the Assembly approved those measures with broad bipartisan support.

As the leaves keep falling and the air keeps getting crisper, we will continue working with the Senate and Governor to turn these bills into law, because every person in Wisconsin deserves a place to call home.

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