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## Rep. Ballweg Announced the 2020 National Chair of the Council of State Governments

**Madison...**The Council of State Governments (CSG) announced their 2020 national leaders on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 following a confirmation vote by the CSG Executive Committee. Wisconsin State Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) will serve as the National Chair. Others in the leadership rotation include, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly as the National President, Washington Senator Sam Hunt as the Chair-Elect and North Carolina Representative Julia Howard as the Vice-Chair.

“I am humbled to have been chosen to lead the Council of State Governments as 2020 National Chair,” said Ballweg. “Our shared goals of fostering leadership and development opportunities and strengthening the organization’s regional focus is something I look forward to advancing in this role.”

CSG is headquartered in Lexington, KY and was founded in 1933. It is the nation’s only organization serving all three branches of government with the mission of fostering the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. The region-based organization offers opportunities for state legislators and other officials to develop leadership skills, collaborate and create problem-solving partnerships.

“Representative Ballweg has been a fierce defender of federalism and the proper role of the states in our system of government. She believes the states truly are the laboratories of democracy. In her home state she is a respected policymaker with valuable experience as a local elected official, educator and businessperson,” remarked CSG Executive Director David Adkins. “She has helped CSG achieve its mission by first chairing the CSG Midwestern Legislative Conference and now as our 2020 National Chair. I am confident that her passion for public service will make a difference for CSG, just as it has for the citizens of her district and the State of Wisconsin.”

Representative Ballweg has been involved with CSG for many years and served as the Chair of Midwestern Legislative Conference in 2016.

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