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Rep. Callahan Statement on State of the State Address

[Madison, WI] – State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) issued the following statement regarding Governor Tony Evers’ State of the State address:

“The state of our state is improving. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how our local communities throughout the 35th Assembly District and the rest of the state can come together, and I couldn’t be more proud of my home district.

“In the beginning of the pandemic, Governor Evers’ Department of Workforce Development failed to respond appropriately to the massive backlog of Unemployment Insurance claims, leaving thousands of Wisconsinites without benefits or even the ability to receive an answer on their claim. However, the comprehensive COVID-19 Relief Bill my Assembly Republicans and I approved last week will provide families and businesses the assistance they need to combat the virus, including solutions that will work towards bringing the amount of claims back to pre-COVID levels. Although Wisconsin’s voters chose divided government, they didn’t choose inaction.

“As you are likely aware, high-speed broadband is a necessity in business and education, and the pandemic has accentuated the fact that access is extremely limited to many residents throughout the district and the rest of northern Wisconsin. One of my priorities during my time in the State Assembly is to increase my constituents’ access to high-speed internet and ensure they have this fundamental need. I was encouraged by the governor’s thoughts on broadband and hope to continue these conversations as we move in to the state budget process.

“Speaking of the state budget, thanks to the years of fiscally conservative budget management by legislative Republicans, I am optimistic that our state will succeed in rebounding from the effects of the pandemic. Paired with a long history of successful industries in tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and more, we are in a great position to begin our state budget process. I would remind everyone that the governor’s last budget proposal would have increased government spending by \$6 billion and raised taxes and fees by more than \$1 billion.

“I look forward to hearing my constituents’ thoughts on the governor’s address. As we move through the legislative session, I will remain committed to being a conservative voice for the Northwoods.”

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.