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Wisconsin Deserves Better

Rep. Dittrich Calls on Governor Evers to Take Responsibility and Help Wisconsin

Madison –Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers’ 2021 State of State Address:

“Tuesday’s State of the State was an opportunity for Governor Evers to unite a hurting state and commit to positive change going forward. Instead, he made a highly political speech filled with blame and divisiveness. It takes a true leader to accept responsibility when mistakes are made. The past year was riddled with those mistakes yet, no contrition of any kind was shown on the governor’s part.

“To this day, our state has an unacceptable backlog with unemployment claims. While Gov. Evers blames an outdated system for this failure, our neighboring state with the same system does not have the same backlog. Additionally, a Legislative Audit Bureau investigation revealed that a mere 1% of phone calls had been answered and many adjudications with all of the needed information remained unprocessed. This is simply a failure of leadership. Wisconsin deserves better.

“We are now seeing the same thing with the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. Wisconsin ranks 11th of 12 Midwestern states in our response. While the governor is demanding that the federal government send him more vaccines, he has barely distributed 50% of what we have been given. Now his administration wants to give prisoners priority with the vaccine over our elderly and high risk citizens. Wisconsin deserves better.

“While I agree with the governor on our state’s need for broadband expansion, his default to spending billions of taxpayer dollars is out of reach. Wisconsin families would be better served if Gov. Evers followed the science and got our students back in school. Additionally, a public-private partnership proposed through regular legislation is a far better way to serve Wisconsin families when it comes to the broadband issue.

“As we commit ourselves to the next round of COVID relief legislation, I implore the governor to truly listen to all Wisconsinites, not just his political base. They are hurting. They want their children back in school. They want the ability to make their own medical decisions without a

vaccine being forced on them against their will. They want their businesses and churches protected from government overreach. I call on Governor Evers to work with the full legislature in good faith and not forcing political expedience, finding compromise that works for all Wisconsin families and residents, not just a few.

“Serving as your representative on behalf of the 38th Assembly District, I pledge to continue to tackle the tough issues facing our state including the budget, redistricting, workforce, health care, and education. I know it is important to keep our state moving forward responsibly.”

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