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## Senator Kapenga's Response to State of the State Address

[Madison, WI] — Senate President Chris Kapenga (R - Delafield) released the following statement following Governor Evers' State of the State address:

"I think it's important to look at the positives, and this is what Governor Evers did last night. But all is not well. It's true, the economy is booming, jobs are plentiful, and wages are up. It's half-true that he gave Wisconsinites a tax cut. To clarify, the Governor proposed a \$1 billion tax increase in his budget, but ended up signing the \$3.4 billion tax cuts from the Republican-crafted budget.

Moving forward, the Governor's only promise to Wisconsinites is to spend an awful lot of money. There is no magic money tree in Wisconsin or in Washington. Federal money is still your money and my money. The massive federal stimulus dollars that were printed out of thin air is what's driving the highest inflation in over 40 years. Those dollars will need to be paid back, and it will be on the backs of our kids and grandkids.

With regard to caring for our kids, I agree that it's necessary to address the increasing need for mental health services. But don't forget much of that need was driven by Governor Evers' policy to shut down schools, putting our kids in isolation, and the enforcement of draconian mandates in a population that is at low risk. Tony Evers is the Governor of "government knows best so parents who disagree should shut up and obey."

Lastly, let's not forget our state's current crime pandemic, fostered by our Governor and those in his party who elevated criminal rights above the rights of victims, and publically shame our law enforcement officers. Noticeably, he didn't mention the horrific incident in Waukesha.

Yes, our state has things we can celebrate, but I disagree we are better off with Tony Evers as Governor. To only focus on the positive and woefully neglect to address the top issues of our state points out once again his inability to effectively lead us forward."

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Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.