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**Rep. Johnson Reflects on Governor Evers' Final State of the State Address**

**MADISON, WI** — Tonight, Governor Evers gave his eighth and final State of the State Address to the people of Wisconsin. The Governor reflected on the status of the 2025-26 legislative session, and addressed critical legislation we have yet to take action on as Republican leadership attempts to end the session early.

Representative Tara Johnson (D-Town of Shelby) released the following statement:

“I appreciate the Governor’s words including highlighting the bipartisan budget bill and other accomplishments while reminding all of us of the work that still needs to be done. Governor Evers listed his remaining priorities for 2026, including the need to fund special education at the 42 percent reimbursement rate that was promised in the state budget, making life more affordable for all Wisconsinites, and keeping our kids, families, and communities safe.”

“I am disappointed by the Republicans in the majority who are on a fast-track to end the session this week. We should not leave unfinished business on the table so they can take the rest of the year off.”

“In contrast, Democrats want to keep working. With session dates on the books in March, April, and May, our work is not done. We have postpartum care to pass, healthy school meals for all to pass, and increased public education funding to pass. Wisconsinites want their legislators to work, and while bills written by Democrats which address affordability have yet to even receive a public hearing, Republicans are moving to gavel out early. We must do better. We *can* do better.”

“Once again, I want to thank Governor Evers: Thank you for your service to Wisconsin and your dedication to this state. Your years of leadership will not be forgotten. I look forward to continuing working with you through the end of the year in meeting the highest needs of Wisconsinites.”

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*Representative Johnson is serving her first term in the Wisconsin State Legislature. She represents the 96th Assembly District, which includes southern La Crosse County and most of Vernon County. She has been a lifelong public servant and advocate for the people of Western Wisconsin.*