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Statement on Speaker Paul Ryan's Announcement

“I cannot imagine a better friend personally, politically or legislatively than Paul Ryan. I am saddened, but understand, his announcement that he will not seek re-election. It is a sad moment for southeastern Wisconsin and the country.

In an often cynical business, one of Paul's defining characteristics for me, was his ability to see the best in people, and always be hopeful about the strength of individuals and the country. He knows politics is not a zero-sum, us vs. them game, and that a rising tide lifts all ships. Paul presents reasoned arguments to advocate for his position rather than attempt to tear down others. These traits are too unusual in today's politics.

I remain committed to continuing his tradition of positive, result-oriented problem solving in the Wisconsin State Senate.”

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