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## Representative Swearingen Responds to Governor Evers' Budget Request

**Madison** – Rep. Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) was disappointed with Governor Tony Evers' budget request to the Wisconsin State Legislature. His proposed spending plan was presented to state lawmakers in a joint legislative session on Thursday night.

"Despite hearing repeated remarks that Governor Evers would be willing to work towards bipartisanship and seek common ground, tonight's budget proposal goes to show that he isn't interested in working across the aisle. This is clearly a missed opportunity for us to work together.

I'm very disappointed that the Governor's plan left out significant issues for the Northwoods that directly impact my constituents. Furthermore, I'm disappointed Governor Evers wants to:

- Increase taxes on job-creators & farmers
- Vastly expand welfare programs, which already comprise 1/3 of the state budget
- Provide driver's licenses and taxpayer-funded in-state tuition perks to illegal immigrants
- Restore taxpayer funding for planned parenthood

Wisconsin is pointed in the right direction. The new budget should reflect and pivot off the proven reforms that we've made over the last eight years. Divided government should not be a time for inaction. I look forward to working with my colleagues to put together a realistic budget that reflects the values and priorities of all of Wisconsin," stated Rep. Swearingen.

Rep. Swearingen serves the Northwoods counties of Vilas, Oneida, Florence and portions of Forest.

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