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Rep. Cabral-Guevara Responds to State of the State Address

Madison, WI - Last night, Governor Tony Evers presented his State of the State address virtually to the Wisconsin State Legislature. Representative Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing) released the following statement:

"Governor Evers' State of the State address yesterday was presented as though everyone was to blame but himself. He criticized his predecessors for not fixing the unemployment insurance system, but never made that request in his previous budget. He criticized the state legislature for not working on solutions to the COVID crisis, but we have always asked for an open dialogue with his administration. He criticized the Wisconsin State Supreme Court for doing their job in upholding the law against illegal executive orders. One could go on and on."

"The only thing not mentioned in his address was the governor taking responsibility for his own actions. Instead of focusing on solutions, it was a blame game."

"While some may be focused on making political arguments, the Wisconsin Assembly got to work. I was proud to co-sponsor the assembly coronavirus relief bill, which would solve a lot of the issues mentioned in his address. It included fixes to the broken unemployment insurance system, designated \$100 million to COVID relief efforts, and provided a pathway to re-opening the state."

"One area the governor and I can agree on is the need for expanded broadband access. I will fight to make this a reality during the budget process, because one of the lessons we learned during the pandemic is the need to stay connected while we are apart."

"I always encourage open discussion with constituents, other branches of government, and colleagues in the legislature. That is often how the best solutions are forged. What we cannot do is pass the buck to someone else for the sake of political expediency. We're all in this Wisconsin boat together, and we must focus on moving forward."

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