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State will continue progress on roads, internet, clean energy, schools, and healthcare in coming year with a budget surplus.

MADISON, WI - Today, Governor Tony Evers delivered his fifth annual State of the State Address, highlighting his administration's hard work over the last four years and discussing his plans for the next four. Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"Governor Tony Evers steered Wisconsin into a strong position with his steadfast leadership, and tonight he shared with us his plans to continue to elevate Wisconsinites and bolster our economy. Smart investment in our workforce, public education, childcare, infrastructure, and more will yield continued returns.



"Evers reaffirmed Wisconsinites are his priority. Over the last four years, his efforts in repairing and updating our roadways, expanding reliable access to the Internet, and his Clean Energy Plan have led Wisconsin to record-low unemployment. His policies have exemplified his

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commitment to small, local businesses and uplifted homegrown entrepreneurs and innovators. With the successful Main Street Bounceback Grant Program, more than 8,500 Wisconsin small businesses were able to expand and move into vacant storefronts in communities across all 72 counties. Evers' dedication to creating and implementing data-driven policies and programs improved the quality of life in Wisconsin while building up the state's general and "rainy day" funds so that investments in our future can continue.

"Governor Evers will maintain the momentum he helped create in our economy while facing down pervasive kitchen table issues like affordable childcare access for working families. He will support our next generation of workers through investment in our state's K-12 schools, technical colleges, and the University of Wisconsin System. The critical work Evers did for the environment will continue with expanded programs to address our concerns, like PFAS in our state's water. And his focus on Wisconsinite health, through efforts such as the creation of the Council on Health Equity, will continue. Tonight, he detailed plans to improve access to and expand access to mental and behavioral health services across the state and declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health.

"In his first term serving our state, Governor Tony Evers consistently made decisions that bettered our state in real and tangible ways. I am confident Wisconsin's winning streak will continue through his leadership."