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**Governor Evers Declares 2024 the Year of the Worker**

*State of Wisconsin Strong with Growing Economy Under Governor Evers' Leadership*

Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, released the following statement on Governor Evers' 2024 State of the State Address:

Tonight Governor Evers declared 2024 the Year of the Worker. Governor Evers' focus on workforce development, training and skills education, and infrastructure improvements have led to historically low unemployment, record apprenticeship levels, and good job opportunities for Wisconsinites across the state. In tonight's State of the State Address, Governor Evers laid out a comprehensive plan to reduce barriers to employment and empower workers.

Thanks to Governor Evers' outstanding financial stewardship, Wisconsin is in the best fiscal health in state history. It's time for elected leaders in Madison to come together to pass bipartisan initiatives to stabilize child care, expand paid family leave, grow public transit, and fund public education and public services so we can meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

The commonsense proposals outlined by Governor Evers in his sixth State of the State Address will encourage and support a thriving middle class with strong unions and increased economic opportunity and should be supported by all in the Wisconsin Legislature.

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