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Van H. Wanggaard

Wisconsin State Senator

Austin Evers, Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW; Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Austin,

Thank you for your open records request dated April 10, 2020, in which you seek "all email communications sent by" Senator Wanggaard's office with references to 62 words or word fragments. We have enclosed a flash drive containing those documents.

You also seek any communications with, broadly, the Republican National Committee and/or email addresses ending in gop.com. We have no records responsive to this request. In addition, you should be aware that there is a bright line between political work and legislative work in Wisconsin. It would be unlikely that we would receive such correspondence in our legislative/government office. In addition, had we received such correspondence, it would likely have been immediately deleted to preserve that bright line.

Please note that one of your search terms, "Kelly" is the last name of Senator Wanggaard's Chief of Staff. There is no relation to Justice Daniel Kelly. However, because you requested records containing the word "Kelly" and from the chief of staff, these records were deemed responsive to your request.

Five documents have been withheld from this last group of emails, the ones from Scott Kelly. After the required balancing test, I have withheld these documents because they contain personal information about Senator Wanggaard and/or his staff, which outweighs the public's right to inspect these records.

These documents were generally not responsive to your request (broadly, to coronavirus, election or government issues), but rather contained personal information about Senator Wanggaard and/or his staff. Had your request not included the term "Kelly" or the Chief of Staff's name was not "Kelly", these records would not have been responsive to your request. If you would like challenge the withholding of these records, please let me know, and I will inform you of the next steps.

We now consider this records request fulfilled, and this matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard

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Payroll for Michelle Osdene (WANGGAARDV) HR Id: 200001884

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Employee Signature	4/1/2020	Supervisor Signature	4/1/2020
<i>Michelle Osdene</i>	4/1/2020		
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:45 PM EDT
To: Jackie O'Connell <oconelj8@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Designating quilt and fabric stores as essential businesses

I can certainly reach out to the Governor's office regarding your concerns, but at this point it may be unlikely he would reopen the fabric stores for a while. In the meantime, I have personally had success finding fabric and elastic online, specifically I shopped Amazon and they delivered it to my door. I know others have had success online at other locations. I hope this is helpful.

If you would also like to appeal to WEDC directly, you may do so by following this link and filling out the form at the bottom of the page: www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Jackie O'Connell <oconelj8@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Designating quilt and fabric stores as essential businesses

Good Afternoon Senator Wanggaard,
My name is Jackie O'Connell. I live in the township of Paris at 1330 136th Avenue. I am a quilter and as such I have been responding to the call for face masks in light of the current Corona Virus emergency. I am writing to ask you to pressure the Governor to designate fabric and quilt shops as essential businesses. The crucial supplies for making face masks are being held hostage behind locked doors! Some quilt shops have gone to online ordering and curbside pickup. Some of these shops are being watched by local law enforcement in order to pounce if they perceive a violation of the shut down order. Soon we will all be required to wear masks in public. Where are these supposed to come from? From the selfless efforts of quilters and sewers like me. In order to respond to the demand for these masks we must have access to the materials to make them. I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.
Regards,
Jackie O'Connell

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:50 PM EDT
To: Anthony Bafetti <bafettial2002@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Issues

You are welcome. Let us know if you need assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Anthony Bafetti <bafettial2002@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Issues

Thank you so much for your help in the matter.

On Wed, Apr 8, 2020, 11:31 AM Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hello,

DWD has already gotten back to me regarding my request to look into your case. It appears you are already working with them. I've included their response below.

It looks like you will have to decide if you will apply in Illinois for benefits. Also, I encourage you to file for federal unemployment as well.

RESPONSE FROM DWD:

Hello—We are already working with Mr. Bafetti. Please see the response from our UI team here:

I contacted Mr. Bafetti. Presently he does not qualify for a regular UI claim. However, he worked in IL as well as WI and only filed a straight WI claim. Though he still would not qualify in WI if the IL wages that were reported there are incorporated, I advised him he may be better off filing from IL. Also, there is federal employment which he accidentally omitted from his claim. He will contact me tomorrow with his decision as to which state he will be filing from. If from WI, I will ask that his claim be changed to a combined wage claim and will request the appropriate UI work unit to request wages from UCFE.

The \$600 he is referring to is the supplemental federal benefit that is not yet available.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

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From: Anthony Bafetti <bafettial2002@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unemployment Issues

Thank you so much. Its 6112 43rd ave kenosha, 53142 (262)705-0472.

On Wed, Apr 8, 2020, 10:37 AM Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Anthony,

I'd be happy to send your information to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Can you please send me your phone number and home address?

It is likely that DWD would reach out to you directly to discuss your eligibility for UI benefits.

In addition to supporting other relief legislation, Senator Wanggaard has co-authored legislation that would waive the 1-week waiting period for UI benefits during the pandemic. We are hopeful it will be passed very soon.

Thank you for including Senator Wanggaard on your email to Governor Evers.

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From: Anthony Bafetti <bafettial2002@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:28 PM

To: info@tonyever.com

Cc: Senator Tammy Baldwin (imailagent) <casework@baldwin.senate.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard
<Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; sec@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Subject: Unemployment Issues

HI Governor Evers,

My name is Anthony Bafetti I'm a resident of Kenosha. I'm writing to you in concern of the unemployment for us residents that are out of work due to the Corona Virus.

I have been out of work since March 13th, I filed my first claim on March 15th. I was then denied my benefits that you had promised we will receive for being out of work. I ended up having to get another job for the time being. I continue to put in for unemployment due to not working full time hours.

I find it extremely heartbreaking you continue to go on the news saying us Wisconsin citizens would get \$600 a week if we are out of work due to the issues going on. I feel as if you have been lying to us about it. I have spoke to many people that are having the same issue. I have medical issues from having cancer and need medication that I now can not afford without the income. I'm asking for your help to get us hard working Wisconsin citizens the income we need while out of work. I have been emailing the department of unemployment and trying robocall I have no luck. If there is no outcome I will be contacting local media.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:23 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Wanggaard constituent: Unemployment Issues reply to Anthony Bafetti

Thank you. I appreciate all of your hard work. I don't envy your position right now. Hang in there.

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From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wanggaard constituent: Unemployment Issues reply to Anthony Bafetti

Hello,

Can you please have someone follow up with Anthony Bafetti regarding his Unemployment Benefit questions? Thank you.

Anthony Bafetti
6112 43rd Ave
Kenosha, WI 53142
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Anthony Bafetti

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:10 PM EDT
To: Fred Wojo <fredwojo@proclouds.net>
Subject: RE: WE NEED DUTY DEFERRAL - Please Sign Senator Feinstein's Letter

Dear Fred,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding U.S. Senator Feinstein's letter to the U.S. Treasury Secretary. I believe you intended this to go to your U.S. Senators. Senator Wanggaard represents you in the Wisconsin State Senate. I have provided contact information for your U.S. Senators below.

Senator Tammy Baldwin and Senator Ron Johnson: https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=WI

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Fred Wojo <fredwojo@proclouds.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fred Wojciechowski <fredwojo@procloudsvapor.com>
Subject: WE NEED DUTY DEFERRAL - Please Sign Senator Feinstein's Letter

Senator Wanggaard,

My name is Fred Wojciechowski and as millions of businesses, including my own, suffer extreme cash flow problems due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis, I urge you to **immediately** sign Senator Feinstein's letter to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in support of a duty deferral. Myself and the thousands of small businesses in our state need your support now more than ever.

While Congress has now enacted a wide variety of economic aid, my small business will still face significant cash-flow problems and additional measures are necessary to ensure I have enough liquidity to weather the crisis.

Please ACT NOW and save our small businesses.

Sincerely,
Fred Wojciechowski

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 1:26 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Timesheet
Attachment(s): "image001.jpg", "MARCH HOURS.pdf"

was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time."

ave your appointing authority review and state their approval of your timesheet in an email forward to:

- a. Assembly staff: Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov
- b. Senate staff: Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Jorgenson, Amanda
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:25 PM
To: *Legislative All Assembly; *Legislative All Senate
Cc: Hannah, Becky; Emery, Lynn; Dykema, Dana; Washington, Anglinia
Subject: re: Payroll & Timesheet Update

Good Afternoon:

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The LHRO has begun processing payroll for March (paid April 1st). ***As such, if you know in advance that you will not be working and will not be using paid leave time to get your full hours in for March (and will be going into a leave without pay status) or if you plan on taking a leave of absence for campaigning purposes during this time frame, please let us know as soon as possible.*** We will be closing March payroll (paid April 1st) on Tuesday, March 24th. As such, we would need to be notified about the above ***no later than Monday, March 23rd.***

In addition, Congress recently passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (which was significantly amended by the Senate from the prior House version). We are currently reviewing this Act's provisions and will release more information about these provisions and our staff's ability to utilize them in the near future.

Lastly, March timesheets will be due by April 10th. If you are telecommuting, please note that we will accept an electronic timesheet. If you are unable to sign your timesheet and/or have your legislator sign your timesheet, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Complete your TRIO timesheet;
- 2) Save and certify your timesheet;
- 3) Save your timesheet as a PDF file and email it to your appointing authority for review/approval with the following statement: "I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time."
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Thank-you,

Amanda Jorgenson



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From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 3:31 PM EDT
To: Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
BCC: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Logan Jozefiak Eagle Scout Court of Honor Tomorrow - Saturday, March 14 at 2:00PM

Thank you for the update.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 13, 2020, at 2:30 PM, Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>
> FYI - In case Sen. Wanggaard is still possibly interested in attending Logan Jozefiak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor tomorrow, Saturday, March 14 at 2:00PM at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta (3363 Dyer Lake Road, Burlington), I confirmed with his father that it is indeed occurring. His father, Ted, confirmed that just now with Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta directly.
>
> Nathan Butzlaff
> Office of State Representative Samantha Kerkman
> Room 315 North
> State Capitol
> P.O. Box 8952
> Madison, WI 53708
> (608) 237-9161 Main
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ted <sjozefiak@wi.rr.com>
> Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:11 PM
> To: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Cc: Jozefiak, Ted E <ted.jozefiak@abbott.com>
> Subject: Re: Logan Jozefiak Eagle Scout Court of Honor
>
> Nathan
> Just received confirmation that it is a go still for tomorrow. They just don't want us using the kitchen. Very grateful Ms Kerman is still coming.
>
> Ted
>
>> On Mar 13, 2020, at 11:11 AM, Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Hello Mr. Jozefiak,
>>
>> Bearing in mind the public health emergency declarations by Governor Tony Evers and Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser, Representative Kerkman asked me to check in with you to confirm whether the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for your son, Logan Jozefiak, will still occur tomorrow, Saturday, March 14 at 2:00PM at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta.
>>
>> Please let me know.
>>
>> Best regards,
>> Nathan Butzlaff
>> Office of State Representative Samantha Kerkman Room 315 North State
>> Capitol P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708
>> (608) 237-9161 Main
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Ted <sjozefiak@wi.rr.com>
>> Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:31 PM
>> To: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Logan Hunter Jozefiak Eagle Scout Court of Honor
>> 3-11-2020.docx
>>
>> Nathan
>> Attached is the script for Saturday. Should be no problem getting Rep. Kerkman out by 3.
>>
>> Ted
>>
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:54 PM EDT
To: Maas, Diana C - DOT <Diana.Maas@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Constituent Concern re. Photo ID

Diana,

Senator Wanggaard had a constituent reach out to him today with concerns about obtaining a photo ID. His wife had an appointment at the Elkhorn DMV for today, but they messaged her this morning to cancel. He was told they were closing their offices except to those who need a photo ID "for voting purposes only". She needs a photo ID to receive Medicare. I'm wondering if you could shed some light on this.

Thank you,

Eric S. Barbour
Office of Senator Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District

From: Sen. Wanggaard
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 5:57 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Emergency Orders
Attachment(s): "DPI 2020-03-21 FINAL.pdf", "PSC Emergency Order with request FINAL 2020-03-22.pdf"

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:50 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; LRB - Reference Services <LRB-Reference-Services@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order 10 regarding to the suspension of rules relating to DPI and emergency order 11 regarding the suspension of rules relating to PSC.

Emergency order 10

- Ensures the DPI will be able to streamline the waiver process for hours of instruction for public schools;
- Suspends the PI 34 requirements to allow students in teacher preparation programs to graduate on time this spring;
- Provide the DPI with flexibility in light of upcoming due dates.

Emergency order 11

- Stops utility disconnection for nonpayment for all customers, including commercial, industrial, and farm accounts. Previously this applied to residential accounts only;
- Ceases the assessing of late fees to customer accounts;
- Halts the practice of requiring deposits from customers for reconnection of service;
- Allows deferred payment agreements for all customers who request them;
- Removes any administrative barriers for customers establishing or reestablishing utility service; and
- Authorizes water utilities to provide budget billing arrangements to customers. Electric and natural gas utilities are allowed to do this under current rules.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached is emergency order #9 which, in order to protect DOC employees and inmates, places a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and juvenile facilities operated by the Department of Corrections to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Good afternoon,

Attached is emergency order #8, this updated order maintains the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people and indefinite school closures, but includes some important changes and clarifications:

- Treats bars and restaurants are the same. Bars will be able to have carryout sales of alcohol and food, if allowed by local ordinances and state law. This will help ensure thousands of establishments can stay in business during this unprecedented health emergency.
- Media and news organizations can remain open to provide the public with vital information.
- Laundromats may remain open.
- Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions may remain open if they practice social distancing.
- All parts of the food delivery system – from farms to stores – may remain open.
- Clarifies that cafeterias in healthcare facilities may remain open to serve our healthcare workers.
- Allied health professions, such as acupuncturists, are unaffected by the mass gathering ban.
- All parts of our transportation system can continue to serve our economy.
- Any facility used for in-person absentee voting or as a polling location may remain open for voting, except for sites at long-term care and assisted care facilities.
- Hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities must close effective 5 pm on Fri., March 20, 2020.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together 10 or less people in a single room or confined space, whether inside or outside, at the same time must preserve social distancing and follow all other public health recommendations issued by DHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Voluntary cancellation, closure, or limitations on the size of gatherings beyond the requirements of this order are permitted and encouraged.

Thanks,
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Subject: COVID-19 Emergency Orders

Attached are the 7 emergency orders that have been issued so far as we respond to COVID-19.

As new orders are finalized and published I will send them as a follow up message to this "COVID-19 Emergency Orders" email.

Thanks,
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Subject: COVID 19 - Legislative Briefing (DCF, DOC, DWD, DOT)

Good morning,

Just a reminder that at 12pm today we will be holding a briefing call for legislators and staff that will include updates from DCF, DOC, DWD, and DOT. Agencies will provide an update and then answer questions submitted.

There is no need to RSVP. Call in instructions and how to ask questions are below:

Call in number: (608) 316-9000
Passcode: 9207149#

We will be taking questions ahead of time and throughout the call. To submit a question use this link:
<http://30.selectsurvey.net/doi/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=I2MM9p4K>
Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form.

Thanks,
ZM

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EMERGENCY ORDER #10

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUSPENSION AND EMERGENCY ORDERS

Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 323.12(4) and the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, I, Governor Tony Evers, order the suspension of certain Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administrative rules and order companion directives as follows:

Admin. Rule: **Wis. Admin. § PI 8.01(4)(b)1. to 7. and (c)**

Description of Rule: Sets requirements for school districts and DPI when school districts request waiving hours of instruction requirements.

Status: Suspended

Companion Order: None

Admin. Rule: **Wis. Admin. § PI 34.021(1)(d)**

Description of Rule: Requires educator preparation programs to access pedagogical knowledge using research-based performance assessment.

Status: Suspended

Companion Order: None

Admin. Rule: **Wis. Admin. § PI 35.07(1)(b)**

Description of Rule: Sets deadlines for choice school submissions to DPI.

Status: Deadlines suspended

Companion Order: The Superintendent of Public Instruction may establish new deadlines for submissions required in this administrative rule.

Admin. Rule: **Wis. Admin. § PI 38.23(1)(a)**

Description of Rule: Sets a deadline for the Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Grant application.

Status: Deadlines suspended

Companion Order: The Superintendent of Public Instruction may establish new deadlines for submissions required in this administrative rule.

This order shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, or until subsequent superseding emergency orders are issued.

3/21/2020

Tony Evers
Governor
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Date



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EMERGENCY ORDER #11

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SUSPENSIONS

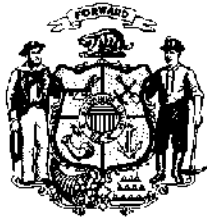
Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 323.12(4) and the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, I, Governor Tony Evers, order the suspension of certain Public Service Commission (PSC) administrative rules and order companion directives as follows:

1. On March 20, 2020, Chairperson Rebecca Valcq requested the suspension of certain PSC administrative rules in order to assist with protecting public health and welfare during the public health emergency. The March 20, 2020 request is granted in its entirety and is incorporated by reference into this order.
2. PSC may use its authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1), 196.70, Wis. Admin. § PSC 113.01(2), Wis. Admin. § PSC 134.01(2), and Wis. Admin. § PSC 185.11(4), to issue orders, give special or individual consideration to exceptional or unusual situations, or adopting requirements as to individual utilities or services necessary to respond to the public health emergency.
3. This order shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, or until subsequent superseding emergency orders are issued.

Tony Evers
Governor
State of Wisconsin

3/22/2020

Date



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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March 20, 2020

Sent via email

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Dear Governor Evers,

To assist in the State's ongoing response to the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (the Commission) has reviewed its administrative rules to identify provisions which, if strictly complied with during the emergency, would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by public utilities and customers to protect the public health and welfare.

The Commission respectfully requests that you exercise your authority under Wis. Stat. § 323.12 (4) (d) to temporarily suspend these provisions during the emergency. Suspending these provisions will protect public health and will facilitate the Commission's efforts to work with public utilities and customers, ensure the continued availability of and access to vital services, and authorize emergency action pursuant to its authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.70.

As set forth in the attachment to this letter, the Commission requests that certain provisions of Wis. Adm. Code chs. PSC 113, 134, and 185, relating to service rules for electrical, gas, and water public utilities, be suspended in order to:

- Authorize public utilities to waive late fees.
- Temporarily suspend disconnections, other than those needed for safety reasons.
- Enable customers who are unable to make a cash deposit to obtain residential service.
- Ensure that deferred payment agreements are available not only to residential customers but also commercial, farm, and industrial customers.
- Streamline the process for customers to apply for utility service.

Thank you for your efforts to protect the health and economy of the State.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Cameron Valcq
Chairperson

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Attachment

**Proposed Provisions of the Public Service Commission's Administrative Rules
to be Suspended During the Public Health Emergency**

Provisions Relating to Service Rules for Electrical Utilities

The Commission respectfully requests that the following provisions of Wis. Adm. Code §§ PSC 113.0301(1m), 113.0302(2), 113.0402(1)(a), 113.0404(1), 113.0406(1)(i)(6), and 113.0408(3)(a), be suspended as set forth below:

PSC 113.0301(1m)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes electrical utilities to disconnect or refuse residential connections for certain specified reasons. Separate provisions of the administrative rules, PSC 113.0301(4) and (5), which will not be suspended, authorize an electrical utility to disconnect residential utility service where a dangerous condition exists.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electric utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by suspending disconnections for reasons that are not associated with safety during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. If service is disconnected, such disconnection would hinder customers' efforts to abide by social distancing requirements by staying in their homes.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0301(1m): (1m) Residential utility service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons: (a) Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a deferred payment, as provided in s. PSC 113.0404. (b) Violation of the utility's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of non-standard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation. (c) Failure to comply with deposit or guarantee arrangements, as specified in s. PSC 113.0402. (d) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel to read the meter at least once every 6 months in order to determine actual usage. The 6-month period begins with the date of the last meter reading. (e) Failure to comply with Wisconsin statute, commission rule or commission order pertaining to conservation or availability of service. (f) Failure to pay costs or fees incurred by and awarded to the utility by a court of law, for pursuit of collection of bills, or failure to pay extraordinary collection charges as allowed and specified in the utility's tariffs filed with the public service commission. (g) Failure to comply with applicable requirements of this section, or of the utility's rules, or if the customer proposes to use a device that is not designed to reasonably minimize interference with communication and signal services. (h) Delinquency in payment for service received by a previous customer or occupant at the premises to be served, if an account is transferred to a new account holder or customer and the previous account holder or customer continues to be an occupant of the dwelling unit to be served. (i) Failure of an applicant for utility service to provide information or documentation required by s. PSC 113.0408. (k) Refusal or failure to provide authorized utility personnel access to utility equipment.

PSC 113.0302 (2)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes electrical utilities to disconnect or refuse commercial and farm connections for certain specified reasons. Separate provisions of the administrative rules, PSC 113.0302(4) and (5), which will not be suspended, authorize an electrical utility to disconnect commercial and farm utility service where a dangerous condition exists.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electric utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by suspending disconnections for reasons that are not associated with safety during a public health emergency. However, such modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing, commercial and farm customers may be at an increased risk of disconnection. Suspending disconnection is a necessary action to ensure that, during the emergency, products and services remain available.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0302(2) ~~“Commercial or farm utility service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons: (a) Failure to pay a delinquent account. (b) Violation of the utility's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of non-standard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation. (c) Failure to comply with a deposit, guarantee arrangement, or installment payment agreement, as specified in s. PSC 113.0403. (d) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel to read the meter at least once every 6 months in order to determine actual usage. The 6-month period begins with the date of the last meter reading. (e) Failure to comply with Wisconsin statute, commission rule or commission order pertaining to conservation or availability of service. (f) Failure to pay costs or fees incurred by and awarded to the utility by a court of law, for pursuit of collection of bills, or failure to pay extraordinary collection charges as allowed and specified in the utility's tariffs filed with the public service commission. (g) Failure to comply with applicable requirements of this section, or of the utility's rules, or with s. 196.16, Stats., or if the customer proposes to use a device that is not designed to reasonably minimize interference with communication and signal services. (h) Refusal or failure to provide authorized utility personnel access to utility equipment.”~~

PSC 113.0402(1)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes an electrical utility to require certain customers with certain unpaid balances to provide a cash deposit or other guarantee before providing new residential service to those customers.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electrical utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by suspending a utility's authority to require cash deposits before providing service. However, such modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Requiring customers who have unpaid balances to provide a deposit could prevent certain customers who are adversely economically affected by the public health emergency from receiving

electrical service that is needed in order for the customer to abide by social distancing guidelines by staying in the home.

- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0402(1)(a) “A utility may not require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new residential service ~~unless a customer has an outstanding account balance with any Wisconsin electric utility or cooperative which accrued within the last 6 years and for which there is not agreement or arrangement for payment being honored by the customer and at which time the request for new service remains outstanding and not in dispute, as defined in s. PSC 113.0407. To request a deposit under this section, utilities must comply with requirements in sub. (2).”~~

PSC 113.0404(1)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule requires electrical utilities to offer deferred payment agreements to residential customers, and it specifies that an electrical utility can only be required to offer deferred payment agreements to residential accounts.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electrical utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by requiring utilities to temporarily provide deferred payment agreements to nonresidential customers during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing on businesses, if nonresidential customers are unable to obtain deferred payment agreements, they may be unable to afford the services needed for their continued operation, which would pose a risk to public health by impeding the availability of products and services.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0404(1) “The utility is required to offer deferred payment agreements ~~only~~ to residential accounts and may offer such agreements to other customers.”

PSC 113.0406(1)(i)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule prohibits an electrical public utility from waiving late fees.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electrical utilities and their stakeholders.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by authorizing electrical utilities to waive late fees during a public health emergency. However, such modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Allowing electrical utilities to waive late fees is necessary in order to ensure that customers are able to use the service needed to abide by social distancing guidelines by remaining in the home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0406(1)(i) “If the utility is authorized to make monthly late payment charges, such charges shall comply with the following requirements....~~6. The utility may not waive any properly applied late payment charge, except when the utility fails to obtain scheduled meter readings, the utility shall waive the late payment charge upon dispute of the estimate by the customer.~~”

PSC 113.0408(3)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes an electrical utility to require an applicant for utility service to provide certain documents to prove identity and residency.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Electrical utilities and their stakeholders.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter electrical utility tariffs, including by temporarily suspending utilities' documentation requirements for applying for service, during a public health emergency. However, such modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Temporarily suspending these provisions is necessary to ensure that all customers may obtain the service needed to abide by social distancing guidelines and remain at home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 113.0408(3)(a) ~~"A utility may require verification of the initial identification data or the residency, or both, of the person responsible for bill payment under any of the following circumstances: 1. The application is for service at a premises where a bill remains unpaid for service provided within the previous 24 months. 2. The person responsible for bill payment has an outstanding bill with the utility but claims that the bill was accrued in the person's name as a result of identity theft. 3. The applicant fails to provide the initial identification data under sub. (2) (c) 1. g. or the utility finds, with reasonable certainty, that the initial identification information is inaccurate."~~

Provisions Relating to the Standards for Gas Service

The Commission respectfully requests that the following provisions of Wis. Adm. Code §§ PSC 134.052(3)(a), 134.061(1)(a), 134.062(1), 134.0622(2), 134.063(1), and 134.13(1)(i)5., be suspended as set forth below:

PSC 134.051(3)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes a gas utility to require an applicant for utility service to provide certain documents to prove identity and residency.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their stakeholders.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by temporarily suspending utilities' documentation requirements for applying for service, during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Temporarily suspending these provisions is necessary to ensure that all customers may obtain the service needed to abide by social distancing guidelines and remain at home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.051(3)(a) ~~"A utility may require verification of the initial identification data or the residency, or both, of the person responsible for bill payment under any of the following circumstances: 1. The application is for service at a premises where a bill remains unpaid for service provided within the previous 24 months. 2. The person responsible for bill payment has an outstanding bill with the utility but claims that the bill was accrued in the person's name as a result of identity theft. 3. The applicant fails to provide~~

~~the initial identification data under sub. (2) (c) 1. g. or the utility finds, with reasonable certainty, that the initial identification information is inaccurate.”~~

PSC 134.061(1)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes a gas utility to require certain customers with certain unpaid balances to provide a cash deposit or other guarantee before providing new residential service to those customers.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by temporarily suspending utilities’ authority to require deposits before providing service, during a public health emergency. Requiring customers who have unpaid balances to provide a deposit could prevent certain customers who are adversely economically affected by the public health emergency from receiving gas service that is needed in order for the customer to abide by social distancing guidelines by staying in the home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.061(1)(a) ~~“A utility shall not require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new residential service unless a customer has an outstanding account balance with any Wisconsin gas utility which accrued within the last 6 years and for which there is no agreement or arrangement for payment being honored by the customer, and which at the time of the request for new service remains outstanding and not in dispute, as defined in s. [PSC 134.064](#).”~~

PSC 134.062(1)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes gas utilities to disconnect or refuse residential connection for certain specified reasons. Separate provisions of the administrative rules, PSC 134.062 (3) and (4), which will not be suspended, authorize a gas utility to disconnect residential utility service where a dangerous condition exists.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by suspending disconnections for reasons that are not associated with safety during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Suspending disconnections is a necessary action because disconnection would hinder customers’ efforts to abide by social distancing requirements by staying in the home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.062(1) ~~“Residential utility service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons: (a) Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a deferred payment agreement, as provided in s. PSC 134.063. (b) Violation of the utility’s rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of nonstandard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation. (c) Failure to comply with deposit or guarantee arrangements, as specified in s. PSC 134.061. (d) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel to read the meter at least once every 6 months in order to determine actual usage. The 6-month period begins with the date of the last meter reading. (e) Failure to comply with Wisconsin statute, commission rule or commission order pertaining to conservation or availability of service. (f) Failure to pay~~

~~costs or fees incurred by and awarded to the utility by a court of law, for pursuit of collection of bills, or failure to pay extraordinary collection charges as allowed and specified in the utility's tariffs filed with the public service commission. (g) Failure to comply with applicable requirements of this section, or of the utility's rules, or with s. 101.865, Stats. (h) Delinquency in payment for service received by a previous customer or occupant at the premises to be served, if an account is transferred to a new account holder or customer and the previous account holder or customer continues to be an occupant of the dwelling unit to be served. (i) Connecting or causing to be connected a device or use of gas considered to be a nonessential use of natural gas which is prohibited under s. PSC 136.05. (j) Connecting or having connected a natural gas outdoor lighting fixture as specified in s. PSC 136.02. (k) Failure of an applicant for utility service to provide information or documentation required by s. PSC 134.051.~~

PSC 134.0622(2)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes gas utilities to disconnect or refuse commercial and farm connections for certain specified reasons. Separate provisions of the administrative rules, PSC 134.0622 (3) and (4), authorize a gas utility to disconnect commercial and farm utility service where a dangerous condition exists.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by suspending disconnections for reasons that are not associated with safety during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing, commercial and farm customers may be at an increased risk of disconnection. Suspending disconnection is a necessary action to ensure that, during the emergency, products and services remain available.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.0622(2) ~~“Commercial or farm utility service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons: (a) Failure to pay a delinquent account. (b) Violation of the utility's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of non-standard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation. (c) Failure to comply with the deposit, guarantee arrangement, or installment payment agreement, as specified in s. PSC 134.0615. (d) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel to read the meter at least once every 6 months in order to determine actual usage. The 6-month period begins with the date of the last meter reading. (e) Failure to comply with Wisconsin statute, commission rule or commission order pertaining to conservation or availability of service. (f) Failure to pay costs or fees incurred by and awarded to the utility by a court of law, for pursuit of collection of bills, or failure to pay extraordinary collection charges as allowed and specified in the utility's tariffs filed with the public service commission. (g) Failure to comply with applicable requirements of this section, or of the utility's rules, or with s. 101.865, Stats. (h) Connecting or causing to be connected a device or use of gas considered to be nonessential use of natural gas, which is~~

~~prohibited under s. PSC 136.05. (i) Connecting or having connected a natural gas outdoor lighting fixture as specified in s. PSC 136.02.~~

PSC 134.063(1)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule requires gas utilities to offer deferred payment agreements to residential customers, and it specifies that a gas utility can only be required to offer deferred payment agreements to residential accounts.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by requiring utilities to temporarily provide deferred payment agreements to nonresidential customers during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing on businesses, if nonresidential customers are unable to obtain deferred payment agreements, they may be unable to afford the services needed for their continued operation, which would pose a risk to public health by impeding the availability of products and services.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.063(1) “A utility is required to offer deferred payment agreements ~~only~~ to residential accounts and may offer such agreements to other customers.”

PSC 134.13(1)(i)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule prohibits a gas public utility from waiving late fees.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Gas utilities and their stakeholders.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter gas utility tariffs, including by authorizing electrical utilities to waive late fees during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Allowing electrical utilities to waive late fees is necessary to ensure that customers are able to use the service needed to abide by social distancing guidelines by remaining in the home.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 134.13(1)(i) “If the utility is authorized to make a one-time late payment charge, such charge shall comply with the following requirements:... ~~5. The utility shall not waive any properly applied late payment charges.~~”

Provisions Relating to the Standards for Water Public Utility Service

The Commission respectfully requests that the following provisions of Wis. Adm. Code §§ PSC 185.30(3)(a), 185.33(16), 185.36(1)(a), 185.37(2), and 185.38(1), be suspended as set forth below:

PSC 185.30(3)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes a water utility to require an applicant for utility service to provide certain documents to prove identity and residency.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Water utilities and their stakeholders.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter water utility tariffs, including by temporarily suspending utilities’ documentation requirements for applying for service, during a public health

emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Temporarily suspending these provisions is necessary to ensure that all customers are able to obtain the service needed to abide by social distancing guidelines.

- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 185.30(3)(a) ~~“A utility may require verification of the initial identification data or the residency, or both, of the person responsible for bill payment under any of the following circumstances: 1. The application is for service at a premises where a bill remains unpaid for service provided within the previous 24 months. 2. The person responsible for bill payment has an outstanding bill with the utility but claims that the bill was accrued in the person's name as a result of identity theft. 3. The applicant fails to provide the initial identification data under sub. (2) (c) 1. g. or the utility finds, with reasonable certainty, that the initial identification information is inaccurate.”~~

PSC 185.33(16)

- **Description of Rule:** The rule authorizes a water utility to offer a budget payment plan to its residential customers.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Water utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter water utility tariffs, including by requiring utilities to temporarily provide budget payment plans to residential and nonresidential customers during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless administrative rules that could be interpreted as running contrary to such action are suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing on businesses, if nonresidential customers are unable to obtain budget payment plans, they may be unable to afford the services needed for their continued operation, which would pose a risk to public health by impeding the availability of products and services.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 185.33(16) ~~“A utility may offer a budget payment plan to residential customers. Any such plan shall conform to the guidelines set forth in pars. (a) through (g).~~

PSC 185.36(1)(a)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes a water utility to require certain customers with certain unpaid balances to provide a cash deposit or other guarantee before providing new residential service to those customers.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Water utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter water utility tariffs, including by suspending a utility's authority to require cash deposits before providing service. However, such modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Requiring customers who have unpaid balances to provide a deposit could prevent certain customers who are adversely economically affected by the public health emergency from receiving

water service that is needed in order for the customer to abide by social distancing guidelines by staying in the home.

- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 185.36(1)(a) “A utility shall not require a deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new residential service ~~unless a customer has an outstanding account balance with any Wisconsin gas, electric, water, or sewer utility which accrued within the last 6 years and for which there is no agreement or arrangement for payment being honored by the customer, and which at the time of the request for new service remains outstanding and not in dispute. (See s. PSC 185.39.)~~”

PSC 185.37(2)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule authorizes water utilities to disconnect or refuse connection for certain specified reasons. A separate provision of the administrative rules, PSC 185.37(3), which will not be suspended, authorizes a water utility to disconnect service where a dangerous condition exists.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Water utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter water utility tariffs, including by suspending disconnections for reasons that are not associated with safety during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing, customers may be at an increased risk of disconnection. Suspending disconnection is a necessary action to ensure that, during the emergency, residential customers are able to abide by social distancing by staying at home and to ensure that products and services remain available.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 185.37(2) ~~“Utility service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons: (a) Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a deferred payment agreement (see s. PSC 185.38); (am) Delinquency in payment for service received by a previous account holder or customer at the premises to be served, if an account is transferred to a new account holder or customer and the previous account holder or customer continues to be an occupant of the dwelling unit to be served. (b) Failure to pay for an outstanding account balance with the utility owing at a previous address and for which there is no agreement or arrangement for payment and it is not in dispute but remains outstanding; (c) Failure to comply with deposit or guarantee arrangements as specified in s. PSC 185.36 or 185.361; (d) Diversion of service around the meter; (e) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel to read the meter at least once every 4 months where the utility bills monthly or bimonthly, or at least once every 9 months where the utility bills quarterly or less frequently than quarterly. The 4 or 9 month period begins with the date of the last meter reading; (f) Refusal or failure to permit authorized utility personnel access to the base meter; (g) Violation of the utility's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of nonstandard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation; (h) Failure to comply with Wisconsin statutes, commission rules, or commission orders pertaining to utility service; (i) Failure to pay costs or fees incurred by and awarded to the utility by a court of law, for pursuit of collection of bills, or failure to pay~~

~~extraordinary collection charges as allowed and specified in the utility's tariffs filed with the commission; (j) Failure to comply with the utility's rules or if the customer uses a device that unreasonably interferes with communications or signal services used for reading meters; (k) Failure of an applicant for utility service to provide the information or documentation required by ss. PSC 185.30 or 185.305."~~

PSC 185.38(1)

- **Description of Rule:** This rule requires a water utility to offer deferred payment agreements to residential accounts, and it provides that water utilities are encouraged but retain discretion to provide such agreements for nonresidential accounts.
- **Stakeholders Impacted:** Water utilities and their customers.
- **Explanation of Effect on Necessary Actions:** Wis. Stat. § 196.70 authorizes the Commission to temporarily alter water utility tariffs, including by requiring utilities to temporarily provide deferred payment agreements to nonresidential customers during a public health emergency. However, such a modification is not possible unless this provision of the administrative code is first suspended. Given the economic impacts of social distancing on businesses, if nonresidential customers are unable to obtain deferred payment agreements, they may be unable to afford the services needed for their continued operation, which would pose a risk to public health by impeding the availability of products and services.
- **Provision to Suspend:** PSC 185.38(1) "A utility is required to offer deferred payment agreements to residential accounts ~~and encouraged to offer such agreements to other customers."~~

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:53 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Exhausted UI Benefits - Economic Bill - Denied Benefits

Hi John –

THIS IS NOT A NEEDED PHONE CALL (I don't think).

Mandy's (below) 26-week UI benefits ran out last week. She thought (and I think she's right, but don't know) that the Federal bill extended UI benefits for those whose benefits expired during this time. Is that true?

If that is true, what is the process she should go through?. During the Recession, my advice (based on DWD guidance) was to have people continue to file online as iuf nothing had changed, and the system would "catch up" to the law changes.

So, basically, what should I tell Mandy?

Thanks

Scott

From: Mandy Kropp <mandykropp01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Exhausted UI Benefits - Economic Bill - Denied Benefits

Good afternoon, my name is Mandy and I am searching for answers. I have contacted the Kenosha Job Center and made several attempts to speak with someone at the unemployment office regarding unemployment benefits. The Job Center wasn't able to provide me with any answers. I have recently exhausted my unemployment benefits and having a tough time finding employment. I have reapplied for unemployment benefits and after it was reviewed yesterday my request was denied due to exhausted benefits. How is this possible with the passing of the Economic Bill? The Economic bill included extended benefits to those unemployed before the COVID-19 and those who have exhausted their benefits. I need to know who I can contact for answers. I'm an unemployed professional and with the lack of jobs available during this pandemic is really impacting our household. So I'm begging for answers.

Thank you,
Mandy Kropp
9732 84th Pl.
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
(414)550-4502

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:37 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: for your consideration
Attachment(s): "letter.pdf"

Have you called Kevin Milaeger? I'm cleaning out the inbox.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Kevin Milaeger <kevin@milaegers.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:41 PM
To: eversinfo@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: for your consideration

Governor Evers

We know these are busy times but we hope you have time to read our letter.

Kevin Milaeger



Governor Tony Evers

March 23, 2020

Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Governor Evers,

We are a greenhouse/garden center in Racine County with about 4.5 acres of greenhouses and 120 employees. We sell all our plants locally, in our two stores. We take pride in our large variety of vegetable plants. In addition to them, we sell many other edible plants such as herbs, small fruits (raspberries, etc.), and large fruits such as apples. We sell seeds and gardening equipment. We also host a weekly, year 'round farmer's market, where customers can buy locally produced produce and other foods. We also grow produce and sell it year 'round to Piggly Wiggly grocery stores, Woodman's grocery stores, Outpost Natural Foods in Milwaukee, and Brewer's Organics, a home delivery company specializing in locally sourced foods.

We are concerned that with the restrictions proposed to curb the virus. We hope we can continue to sell our plants. Many people rely on the food that their gardens produce, and if they have no access to the plants, they will suffer. Remember, gardening is America's number one hobby. We think that with more people spending more time at home, perhaps more people will try gardening for the first time. We have already seen various shortages in our supermarkets----maybe vegetables will be in short supply too.

We have been able to determine that at least two states---California and Pennsylvania---have allowed business like hours to operate and fill that important need.

We understand that in some states, such as Illinois, hardware stores are allowed to remain open. That is understandable. But a large hardware store such as Home Depot also has a nursery area. If they are allowed to sell plants, we feel we should be allowed to as well.

Please consider excluding greenhouse/garden centers from closure. Most of us are locally owned, and many of our customers buy plants in outdoor areas or well-ventilated greenhouses, so exposure would be minimal. We also offer curbside pickup for those individuals who prefer that service.

Sincerely,

Kevin Milaeger

Milaeger's

Racine, WI

CC: Van Wanggaard, Wisconsin State Senator

From: Barbour, Eric
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:06 PM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Let me be clear. Kenosha County actual active Covid 19 case load is NOT 14. With

From: Susan Krokosz [Susan.Krokosz.ylkekdy@user.resistbot.email]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard
Subject: Let me be clear. Kenosha County actual active Covid 19 case load is NOT 14. With

Senator Van H. Wanggaard,

Let me be clear. Kenosha County actual active Covid 19 case load is NOT 14. With 135 active cases in Lake County and 100's in Milwaukee County- Kenosha County isn't getting the tests it needs to determine real cases. With less than 1,000 ICU beds between Kenosha Racine and Milwaukee and 90% currently in use, that is less than 100 ICU beds for three counties for new COVID19 patients. What are you doing to get more beds today? Where are the test kits? You are all going to be guilty of killing your constituents by your lack of action. We have no time. By this Sunday there will be over 1,000 cases in WI. In two weeks there will be refrigerated trucks in parking lots in WI. Do your jobs.

Susan Krokosz

Constituent from
8785 3RD AVE
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
Skrokosz@gmail.com
+12245723303

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:03 PM EDT
To: cdecker@deckerfire.com <cdecker@deckerfire.com>
Subject: FW: Property Tax delay payment?

Dear Curt,

Thank you for contacting the legislature regarding your request to have property tax payments delayed.

The legislature is currently discussing a number of potential options in order to assist Wisconsinites during this tough time. Potentially delaying upcoming property tax payments is included in the list of ideas, however at this time it is not certain.

Senator Wanggaard will keep your request in mind as they continued to discuss future options.

Take care and please feel free to contact the Office of Senator Wanggaard with future questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sen.Wirch <Sen.Wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Property Tax delay payment?

From: Sen.Wirch <Sen.Wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Sen.Wirch <Sen.Wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

An email from your website was submitted, this is the list of values it contained, you can turn this email off under workflows in Umbraco Contour

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cdecker@deckerfire.com

Name

curt a decker

Address

6218 92nd place

City, State Zip Code

pleasant Prairie

Phone

2626543589

Message Subject

property tax payments

Message

we all just received our second property tax bills.

of the 6 families in my cul da sac. There are 10 breadwinners and 1 stay at home mom and a retiree.

Of the 10 workers only 2 are working and getting full wages.

Is it possible to delay the property tax payments for a few months or up to 6 months to help the families not bringing in full income?

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:10 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: scheduling a meeting - March 12

For Open Records Request- scheduling.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Yes- that works! Thank you!

Libby Sobic
Director of Education Policy
WILL

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:42:50 AM
To: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Hello,

How about 2pm?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,
I am following up my email below. Please let me know what time would work for a meeting with the Senator or staff on Thursday. We are available:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Thank you,

Libby

From: Libby Sobic
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 11:29 AM
To: 'Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov'
Subject: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,

My name is Libby Sobic and the Director of Education Policy at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. My colleague, CJ Szafir, and I will be in Madison on Thursday, March 12. We would like to meet with the Senator or a member of his staff to discuss two bills that will hopefully be headed to the senate floor soon. [SB 743](#), related to transparency in public school spending and [SB 789](#), related to course access.

We are available the following times on March 12:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Please let me know what works best for the Senator's or staff member's schedule.

Thank you!

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:52 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: the form E-Mail Updates was submitted

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From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form E-Mail Updates was submitted

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:43 PM EDT
To: Sen.Wirch <Sen.Wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Unfair Unemployment

[Your constituent –](#)

Lamondre Williams 1824 mead st Racine, Wi. Phone 262 880 6123

From: PinPoint Williams <pinpoint720@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unfair Unemployment

I have a major issue with my unemployment case and my income taxes being intercepted just because i made a simple human mistake. Im being penalized to the fullest only because my second appeal was late and only reason for that being is that I didnt understand that I had to file all cases seperately, so only one case was thrown out. And i was notified that i need proof of the work search confirmations before i re-appeal in order to win my case. So after some time searching my personal computer I found those confirmations, called ui collections and unemployment and was told i should appeal since I did comply with the work search requirement and I wasn't trying to withhold any information. I even faxed in my proof but was denied only because my second appeal was late and my reason isn't good enough. Now that itself should be illegal. My overpayment balance was 1891.15 since 2019 and unemployment has already taken \$3000 from me in benefits and not a penny was applied to my false overpayment balance, but yet basically taxed and extra \$5000 that my benefits went to instead? And my income taxes are being intercepted because of this. Im appalled and i still have that same 1891.15 balance with almost \$2000 left to pay in a BAR Balance!? And the worst part is people work hard to even get these so called benefits for being a hard tax paying work just to get it all basically stolen from you. How can this even be? Im a seasonal worker so its already hard enough, but this takes the whole cake. How can i truly overturn this matter ASAP?

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:11 PM EDT
To: rakilps3@gmail.com <rakilps3@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Wanggaard Constituent: Stimulus questions from Rick & Mary Kilps

Dear Rick and Mary Kilps,

Your original stimulus question was forwarded to Senator Wanggaard's office. I reached out to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development regarding your questions. Unfortunately, they were not able to provide any information because it is a federal package.

I encourage you to contact your federal representatives for assistance with your concerns. I have provided their contact information below.

Congressman Bryan Steil: <https://steil.house.gov/contact>

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Wanggaard Constituent: Stimulus questions from Rick & Mary Kilps

Hi Michelle,
We have no control over the stimulus checks being sent out directly by the feds. Sorry!
John

From: Sen.Wanggaard - LEGIS <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wanggaard Constituent: Stimulus questions from Rick & Mary Kilps

Hello again,

Rick and Mary Kilps have stimulus fund questions. Can someone assist them please?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stimulus questions

Good afternoon,

I am writing to pass along the question below from one of your constituents, in case you have not already heard from them and so that your office(s) can work to address their concerns.

Best,

Emily

Emily M. Conklin
She/Her/Hers
Office of Rep. Katrina Shankland
Assembly District 71
Emily.Conklin@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: rakilps3 <rakilps3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stimulus payouts

Hello,
Hoping you can help regarding the upcoming stimulus assistance.
I can not find anything that covers this status:

Filed tax papers but did not request direct deposit. Having check sent instead.

Both my wife and I collect social security and have our ss checks direct deposited.

We both qualify based on income level, combined income \$82,000.

Will we automatically receive the checks via direct deposit based on our Social Security being direct deposited?

Will we need to apply when the website is up and running?

I have seen that if u get your tax returns auto deposit they will auto deposit your \$.

Doesnt seem to cover our situation?

Thanks
Rick & Mary Kilps
5908 Pilgrim Way
Mt. Pleasant, WI. 53406

262 889 7667

[rakilps3@ gmail.com](mailto:rakilps3@gmail.com)

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:53 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

For more information, contact:
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WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

Seeks to enforce Circuit Court order while appeal is pending

The News: The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) [filed a petition today](#) asking the Supreme Court of Wisconsin to review the stay issued by the Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC). Known as a petition for supervisory writ, WILL is asking the Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals' stay because the lower court failed to offer any reasoning or rationale.

The Quote: WILL President and General Counsel Rick Esenberg said, "The Court of Appeals is required to provide some explanation when issuing a stay. To date, the Court of Appeals has provided nothing. Whatever reasoning may follow, we're asking the Supreme Court to consider whether a stay is warranted at all."

Background: On January 13, the Wisconsin Supreme Court split 3-3 on whether to grant WILL's motion to bypass the Court of Appeals (Justice Dan Kelly recused). In the immediate aftermath, the Court of Appeals issued [a stay](#), halting Judge Malloy's December 17 court order requiring the Wisconsin Elections Commission to immediately comply with state law.

Recently, the Wisconsin Supreme Court unanimously concluded that the Court of Appeals must explain its stays. To date, the Court of Appeals has offered no reason or explanation for why it issued the stay in the WEC lawsuit.

Why It Matters: WILL [sued](#) the Wisconsin Elections Commission, on behalf of three Wisconsin voters, because the state agency was ignoring state law by leaving old and outdated voter registrations on the voter rolls. Judge Malloy's decision should remain in effect because Wisconsin deserves clean elections in 2020 and unelected bureaucrats at state agencies must understand that they cannot change state law and ignore a court order.

Read More:

- ["What You Need to Know About WILL's Lawsuit Against the Wisconsin Elections Commission,"](#) January 7, 2020
- ["WILL Sues Wisconsin Elections Commission,"](#) November 13, 2019



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From: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:52 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WILL Call | COVID & Emergency Powers, Medicaid Expansion, and Medical Professionals

From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WILL Call | COVID & Emergency Powers, Medicaid Expansion, and Medical Professionals

News and Updates

Wisconsin Emergency Powers and Their Limits

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, state and local officials have moved quickly to initiate bans using the authority of a public health emergency. Last week, WILL President **Rick Esenberg** summarized emergency powers in the state of Wisconsin and some of their potential limits.

Read more [here](#).

Ease Medical Licensing To Address Pandemic

Policy analyst **Collin Roth** argues Governor Evers should take emergency action to ease licensing regulations for medical professionals to ensure that out-of-state and retired professionals can practice in Wisconsin.

Read more [here](#).

Medicaid Expansion Not The Answer to Coronavirus

Research Director **Will Flanders** takes on the claims that a Medicaid expansion is the correct policy response to the coronavirus pandemic at RightWisconsin.com.

Read more [here](#).

[Search Your School](#)

WILL recently launched the [Wisconsin School Quality Map](#) to provide an innovative tool that equips parents and school leaders with critical data about Wisconsin schools.

Search [your](#) school and share what you find!

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Have questions about WILL's lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission? With new developments every week, make sure you read WILL's FAQ on the case, the impact, and our answers to various claims about the lawsuit.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:08 PM EDT
To: Kurt Squire <kswndpt@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Golf closure reply to Squire

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<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

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Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Kurt Squire <kswndpt@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Golf

Dear Van,

Please reach out to Governor Evers and get our golf courses back open.

Johnson Park has made the course and facilities safe for everyone involved.

Thanks,

Kurt Squire
214 E 4 Mile Rd
Racine, WI 53402

262 498-5810

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:07 PM EDT
To: Stephen Knackert <stephenknackert@gmail.com>
Subject: Golf Course Closure reply

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Knackert <stephenknackert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Golf

Sir, there is NO reason to close golf courses.
They are open in FL, CA, AZ.
Please do something.
Respectfully,
Steve

Stephen J Knackert
Franksville, WI 53126
262-497-2824

Sent from my iPad

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:18 PM EDT
To: Gotta_go61@yahoo.com <Gotta_go61@yahoo.com>
Subject: Golf Courses during Emergency Order

Hello Paul –

Thank you for reaching out to Senator Wanggaard.

Van has advocated with both the Governor and WEDC to consider golf courses “an essential business” during the Emergency Order. He is hopeful that this decision will be reversed.

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:23 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
CC: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: If you have questions, must be submitted ahead of time: REMINDER: Briefing for Legislators and Staff TODAY at 3pm

If you have questions you want answered during this briefing, they must be submitted 30 minutes prior via form.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:00 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: REMINDER: Briefing for Legislators and Staff TODAY at 3pm

Good morning,

I wanted to remind everyone that today we will be holding another legislative briefing from some of our agencies:

Friday, April 3rd - DNR, DFI, DOR and Tourism* (New addition to this call)
3:00pm – 4:30pm
Call in number: (608) 316-9000
Passcode: 5476816#

To submit a question for the April 3rd briefing use this link: <http://30.selectsurvey.net/doi/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=I2MMm96M>
Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form. We will only be answering questions that are submitted in advance for this briefing. This website will close 30min before the briefing.

Thanks,
ZM

Zach Madden
Legislative Liaison
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Email: Zach.Madden@wisconsin.gov
Phone: (608) 266-7794 [office], (608) 279-6374 [cell]
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:58 AM EDT
To: Lukemelograno@icloud.com <Lukemelograno@icloud.com>
Subject: Landscaping Industry Letter

Hello Lucas,

Thank you for contacting Senator Wanggaard about the landscaping and nursery industry's "non-essential" status during Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" order.

Senator Wanggaard will advocate on behalf of your business to the governor's office as well as to WEDC. If you have not already, you should consider contacting WEDC directly as well. Follow this link and scroll to the form at the bottom of the page:

<https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwedc.org%2fessentialbusiness%2f&umid=70551f6e-dccf-468b-99fe-549d7f570595&auth=0406e1d689ae1ca55ce83327445d40eb5662e98e-eb775d402216e95356a9b936b0ee0a8f2c06733a>

Thank you again for contacting the office. Best of luck to you during these difficult times.

Regards,

Valirie Maxim
Committee Clerk
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Office of Senator Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:34 PM EDT

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Letter to Governor Evers: Demand Counties Retract Claim That Drive-Up Religious Services are Illegal

For more information, contact:
Collin Roth | WILL Director of Communication
collin@will-law.org | 414-607-2558

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Letter to Governor Evers: Demand Counties Retract Claim That Drive-Up Religious Services are Illegal

Local governments threaten churches ahead of Easter weekend

The News: The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) and attorney Michael Dean issued [a letter to Governor Tony Evers](#) requesting that he clarify, correct, and restrain local government officials who are using [Emergency Order #12](#), the “Safer at Home” order, to ban drive-up religious services conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. We are requesting a response from Governor Evers by 2 PM today to ensure that drive-up Good Friday and Easter services will not be impacted.

Background: Numerous churches around Wisconsin have planned drive-up religious services this weekend to be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. But religious leaders have reported that some local government officials have interpreted Governor Evers’ “Safer at Home” order to prohibit this type of religious gathering. This interpretation conflicts with both Governor Evers’ order and the Wisconsin Constitution’s protection of religion under Article I, § 18.

Letter to Governor Evers: Rick Esenberg, President and General Counsel of WILL, and Michael Dean, Principal of Michael Dean LLC, [wrote to Governor Evers](#) Thursday and said, in part: “We understand the Governor’s responsibility to facilitate the safety of all Wisconsinites in the midst of this pandemic. But we cannot lose our heads. And state and local actors cannot use the occasion of a public health threat to run roughshod over the right to the free exercise of religion while permitting activities that are functionally equivalent from a public health and safety perspective.”

Esenberg and Dean are requesting a response from Governor Tony Evers by 2 PM April 9, 2020 acknowledging that the “Safer at Home” order does not ban drive-up religious services conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

Read More:

- [Letter to Governor Tony Evers](#), April 9, 2020



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Governor Tony Evers

March 23, 2020

Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Governor Evers,

We are a greenhouse/garden center in Racine County with about 4.5 acres of greenhouses and 120 employees. We sell all our plants locally, in our two stores. We take pride in our large variety of vegetable plants. In addition to them, we sell many other edible plants such as herbs, small fruits (raspberries, etc.), and large fruits such as apples. We sell seeds and gardening equipment. We also host a weekly, year 'round farmer's market, where customers can buy locally produced produce and other foods. We also grow produce and sell it year 'round to Piggly Wiggly grocery stores, Woodman's grocery stores, Outpost Natural Foods in Milwaukee, and Brewer's Organics, a home delivery company specializing in locally sourced foods.

We are concerned that with the restrictions proposed to curb the virus. We hope we can continue to sell our plants. Many people rely on the food that their gardens produce, and if they have no access to the plants, they will suffer. Remember, gardening is America's number one hobby. We think that with more people spending more time at home, perhaps more people will try gardening for the first time. We have already seen various shortages in our supermarkets----maybe vegetables will be in short supply too.

We have been able to determine that at least two states---California and Pennsylvania---have allowed business like hours to operate and fill that important need.

We understand that in some states, such as Illinois, hardware stores are allowed to remain open. That is understandable. But a large hardware store such as Home Depot also has a nursery area. If they are allowed to sell plants, we feel we should be allowed to as well.

Please consider excluding greenhouse/garden centers from closure. Most of us are locally owned, and many of our customers buy plants in outdoor areas or well-ventilated greenhouses, so exposure would be minimal. We also offer curbside pickup for those individuals who prefer that service.

Sincerely,

Kevin Milaeger

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Racine, WI

CC: Van Wanggaard, Wisconsin State Senator

Anyone can become a victim of crime, and each day in our state, innocent people are subjected to terrible acts against them that change their lives forever. If surviving the crime isn't tough enough, victims then have to navigate a criminal justice system that can make them feel like they are the ones on trial.

As a police officer with 30 years' experience, and as a crime victim myself, I know firsthand how good people can be harmed in unthinkable ways only to feel shut out when they needed support the most. It was that background that led me to champion the effort to amend Wisconsin's constitution to give strong, enforceable rights to victims of crime, commonly known as Marsy's Law for Wisconsin. Just like criminal defendants have strong constitutional rights, so should crime victims.

There are several sections in our state Constitution protecting the rights of the accused, as there should be. The proposed amendment simply puts the victims of crime on a more equal playing field with those accused of committing crimes.

Wisconsin was one of the first states to protect victims in its constitution. However, in the decades since Wisconsin adopted its victim rights amendment, other states have passed us by, providing stronger and additional rights. Our proposed amendment strengthens and builds upon some of the Wisconsin constitutional rights. For example, victims now have the right to be heard at disposition. If we adopt this proposal that constitutional right to be heard is expanded to proceedings like release and plea hearings. Why shouldn't a victim's voice be heard any time a judge is considering conditions for release?

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Van Wanggaard is a State Senator and former Racine Police Officer.

From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:47 AM EDT

BCC: adj@dwave.net <adj@dwave.net>; pwasson@ashlanddailynews.net <pwasson@ashlanddailynews.net>; bnr-news@wiscnews.com <bnr-news@wiscnews.com>; dc-news@wiscnews.com <dc-news@wiscnews.com>; bbarth@beloitdailynews.com <bbarth@beloitdailynews.com>; enadolski@standardpress.com <enadolski@standardpress.com>; cfriderick@duluthnews.com <cfriderick@duluthnews.com>; news@rivertowns.net <news@rivertowns.net>; opinion@gazettextra.com <opinion@gazettextra.com>; jpotente@kenoshanews.com <jpotente@kenoshanews.com>; editor@lakelandtimes.com <editor@lakelandtimes.com>; dkitkowski@eagleherald.com <dkitkowski@eagleherald.com>; editor@themonroetimes.com <editor@themonroetimes.com>; jmaddux@capitalnewspapers.com <jmaddux@capitalnewspapers.com>; tfarley@lee.net <tfarley@lee.net>; heather@rivernews.com <heather@rivernews.com>; mburbach@pioneerpress.com <mburbach@pioneerpress.com>; spedit@hngnews.com <spedit@hngnews.com>; editorial@superiorteleg.com <editorial@superiorteleg.com>; erpub@nnex.net <erpub@nnex.net>; scottp@wdtimes.com <scottp@wdtimes.com>; jbadzinski@conley.net <jbadzinski@conley.net>; webmaster@conley.net <webmaster@conley.net>; Dave Walter - Kenosha News <dwalter@kenoshanews.com>; Deneen Smith - Kenosha News <Dsmith@kenoshanews.com>; Diann Tesar <dtesar@townofsaalem.net>; Heather Poyner - Kenosha News <Hpoyner@kenoshanews.com>; James Lawson - Kenosha News <jlawson@kenoshanews.com>; Janine Anderson - Kenosha News <janderson@kenoshanews.com>; Jill Tatage Rozell - Kenosha News <jrozell@kenoshanews.com>; Kenosha News (newsroom@kenoshanews.com) <newsroom@kenoshanews.com>; Mark Gaul <mgraul@arenastrategy.com>

Subject: Marsy's Law Op-Ed

Attachment(s): "Marsy Op-Ed support.docx"

Hello-

Please consider running this Op-Ed in support of the Victims' Rights Amendment on this April's ballot.

Thank you

Scott

Scott Kelly

Chief of Staff

Senator Van Wanggaard

608-266-1832

scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

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From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:59 AM EDT

To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>

CC: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Medical device manufacturer worried about closing

Zach,

Senator Wanggaard was contacted by the company "Qure-Medical" in Sturtevant, concerned about a potential closure of all businesses. This company manufactures silicone parts that go to G&E for ventilators and other medical devices they make. I understand things are extremely fluid, and this constituent has posed a hypothetical, but can you provide me some insight into whether or not a company such as this would be exempted in the event of a full shutdown?

Thank you,

Eric S. Barbour

Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard

21st Senate District

(608) 266-1832

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:37 PM EDT
To: govednikautomotive@gmail.com <govednikautomotive@gmail.com>
Subject: Ohio EO

here is Ohio's EO that defines essential vs non-essential businesses:
<https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/stayathomeorder-1584906494.pdf>

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:05 AM EDT
To: Barton, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Barton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 24 Wanggaard RK

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barton, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Barton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: LFB: 24 Wanggaard RK

Hello Senator Wanggaard --

Please see the attached LFB memo per your request.

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:13 AM EDT
To: Jennifer Steffen <jenniferkaysteffen@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: AB 33

Hello Jennifer,

Thank you for your email. Assembly Bill 33 has not passed the Senate. There is still going to be at least one more floor period before the legislative session is over. This was supposed to take place yesterday, but given the circumstances with the coronavirus it has been postponed to a undetermined later date.

As you may know, the Senate companion of this bill was referred to the committee Sen. Wanggaard chairs, the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Sen. Wanggaard supports this bill and therefore passed it out of his committee and is hopeful it will pass the full Senate.

Best regards,

Valirie Maxim
Committee Clerk
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Office of Sen. Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Jennifer Steffen <jenniferkaysteffen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: AB 33

Hello Senator Wanggaard,
The purpose of this email is to check the status of Assembly bill 33.

This bill passed in the Assembly on May 15, 2019. Did it also pass in the Senate?

If the bill did not pass in the Senate, has a new expunction reform bill been introduced this year?

Thank you,
Jennifer Kay Steffen
1108 Hidden Creek Ln. Unit 203
Burlington, WI 53105
262-210-5266

Burlington, WI

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:59 PM EDT
To: John Mielke <jam.mielke@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: After hours and from private email

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: John Mielke <jam.mielke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Rep.Wittke <Rep.Wittke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: After hours and from private email

Rep. Wittke and Sen. Wanggaard: Watching TMJ4 and hearing about increased COVID cases and then hearing about the need for poll workers next week. Respectfully, this is ... crazy. I urge you to support an alternative and work to postpone the April 7 election. I agree with the Journal Times editorial.

John Mielke
147 Lakefield Ct, Wind Point, WI 53402

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:04 PM EDT
To: Smith, Bill <smithw@uww.edu>
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

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Van Wanggaard

From: Smith, Bill <smithw@uww.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:24 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

I have always been a Republican. A proud Republican. Right now we face something far more critical than political agendas and strategies. It's time to do what is right and protect the lives of all the people of Wisconsin. A walk in Election Poll on April 7th is irresponsible and negligent. For the sake of your constituents, your success in the future, and my continued support please do whatever is necessary to make the April 7 election mail in only. You can make this happen. Please, make this happen!

Thank You.

Bill Smith
Custodial Services Supervisor
Facilities Planning and Management
Andersen 1155
Desk: 262-472-5530
Mobile: 262-903-6367
smithw@uww.edu

"A job done quickly is seldom done well. A job done well is seldom done quickly."

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:33 AM EDT
To: Wiguy33@outlook.com <Wiguy33@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: April Vote

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Van Wanggaard', written in a cursive style.

Van Wanggaard

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:03 PM EDT
To: Frances Martin <fran5630@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: delay voting

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I also do not think it is necessary to change the deadlines for absentee balloting. The current deadlines provide plenty of time for returning ballots, and if a ballot is not returned on time, in person voting is still possible on election day. I am open to different methods of tabulating absentee ballots, and it is possible some changes may be made on that subject in the future.

I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Frances Martin <fran5630@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wittke <Rep.Wittke@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: delay voting

to Rep.Vos, Sen.Wanggaard, Rep.Wittke

Gentlemen:

Our clerk tells me she's been working 12 hour days, and I could see her visible fatigue two weeks ago. Her assistant is out until the 7th. I'm surmising that many clerks in cities, villages and towns have the same difficulty. The COVID is spreading in Racine County. I'm begging you to take reasonable steps to at least extend voting by mail ballot for at least two weeks. I did speak with Bob Wittke about the difficulty of delaying til May or June, but a two week delay would give clerks breathing room.

I don't think I need to remind you of the difficulty and hazard of having in person voting in the midst of a pandemic, of the loss of confidence in our political system this insistence on rigid following of rules never intended for this situation, nor of the real truth that your constituents' lives are at stake. You have the ability and power to do this. You met in an all night session for political gain. Now do it for the people whose lives, literally, will be affected by your action or inaction. Please!!

I'm resending with my address: 5630 Five Mile Rad, Racine WI 53402
414 852 5887
Fran Martin

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:03 PM EDT
To: Annette Dohm <annettedohm@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Dental offices should be ordered closed

Dear Annette,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the closing of dental offices during this unprecedented time. The Governor has released his emergency order, which does not close dental offices. I've included a link to the Emergency Order for your review.

Emergency Order #12: Stay at Home: <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please feel free to reach out with future questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Annette Dohm <annettedohm@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Dental offices should be ordered closed

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your service and dedication. I've worked in dental field for 39 years, 34 of them as a dental hygienist. I love my job and my patients. We work in close proximity to our patients and have always worn masks due to the aerosol splatter. Because of this I feel it should be mandated that the dental offices stay closed to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you, Annette Dohm RDH

Sent from my iPad

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:47 AM EDT
To: cscherbarth@tds.net <cscherbarth@tds.net>
Subject: RE: email address

Dear Craig,

The Governor's office can be contacted at: EversInfo@wisconsin.gov

You can also contact him via form from his website. I have included it for your information.

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/governor/voice-an-opinion>

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: cscherbarth@tds.net <cscherbarth@tds.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: email address

Senator

What is the correct email address for the governor of Wisconsin?

Craig Scherbarth
7037 W Wind Lake Rd
Wind Lake WI 53185

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:23 PM EDT
To: hi0302@aol.com <hi0302@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Essential Business List

Mr. Wilson,

Yesterday there was considerable confusion regarding the types of businesses that would be considered "essential". We now have some clarification from the Governor. We have learned that "housing construction" is considered "essential infrastructure" and exempted from Governor Evers' Safer at Home order.

For a more complete list, and more information about what is exempted from the Governor's order you can follow this link: <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

From: hi0302@aol.com [hi0302@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard
Subject: Essential Business List

Can you tell me what are the essential businesses that will be allowed to remain open?

Home construction? I had the gutters removed from my house yesterday and they were scheduled to deliver seamless replacement gutters on Wednesday (tomorrow). My concern is if they cannot deliver and install the gutters and heavy rains come it could cause damage to my basement.

Thank you.

Bill Wilson
2848 108th St
Raymond, WI 53126
414-491-3950

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:59 PM EDT
To: Wally Ross <wallyross@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: essential businesses during a state shutdown

Hi Wally –

Do you have a phone # I can reach you at?

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Wally Ross <wallyross@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: essential businesses during a state shutdown

Dear Sen. Wanggaard,

My family lives in Caledonia. We own a small pest control business. I've read that pest control businesses in Ohio are considered essential and haven't been shut down even though their state is. The reason being is that we control the vectors that spread diseases that are worse than covid-19.

So now that the governor is closing the state starting tomorrow, I need to know if I have to shut down or not.

Can you shed some light?

Thank you,
Wally Ross
Owner
Critter Gitters, Inc.
Racine, WI 53404

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:03 PM EDT
To: Family X <rmiller.court@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Essential businesses

Dear Regina,

I can certainly reach out to the Governor's office regarding your concerns, but at this point it is unlikely he would reopen the fabric stores. I personally have had success finding fabric and elastic online, specifically I shopped Amazon and they delivered it to my door. I know others have had success online at other locations. I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Family X <rmiller.court@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential businesses

Good Day,
I wanted to go to Joanne Fabrics to buy elastic and fabric for cloth face masks.

Every hardware store is open but sewing stores are not?

Regina Miller
Union Grove WI

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:09 PM EDT
To: Mandy Kropp <mandykropp01@gmail.com>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Exhausted UI Benefits - Economic Bill - Denied Benefits

Hi Mandy –

I heard back immediately from DWD. (which, I have to say is impressive given their current volume.)

DWD's advice is the same as what I had said - continue filing as you have been. The UI system will eventually "catch up" and provide the back payments when it knows "the rules"

Under the federal bill, it appears you are eligible for an additional 13 weeks of benefits. DWD is still waiting for guidance from the Federal Dept of Labor as to how to process and file these extensions. (Usually it would be assessed to your former employer, but since this is a federal requirement, there are different rules.) They don't have an estimate on when this will occur, but it should happen soon.

I hope you find this helpful. Like I said, continue to do the online filing, [and visit this website for the most up to date information.](#)

If you have any more questions, please feel free to email me directly, and I will try to get answers

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Mandy Kropp <mandykropp01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Exhausted UI Benefits - Economic Bill - Denied Benefits

Good afternoon, my name is Mandy and I am searching for answers. I have contacted the Kenosha Job Center and made several attempts to speak with someone at the unemployment office regarding unemployment benefits. The Job Center wasn't able to provide me with any answers. I have recently exhausted my unemployment benefits and having a tough time finding employment. I have reapplied for unemployment benefits and after it was reviewed yesterday my request was denied due to exhausted benefits. How is this possible with the passing of the Economic Bill? The Economic bill included extended benefits to those unemployed before the COVID-19 and those who have exhausted their benefits. I need to know who I can contact for answers. I'm an unemployed professional and with the lack of jobs available during this pandemic is really impacting our household. So I'm begging for answers.

Thank you,
Mandy Kropp
9732 84th Pl.
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
(414)550-4502

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:52 PM EDT
To: Zack <zwhite@wjfw.com>
Subject: RE: Marsy's Law Interview-WJFW

Hi Zack -

Confirming that Van will call you at 2:00

-----Original Message-----

From: Zack <zwhite@wjfw.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Marsy's Law Interview-WJFW

Good morning! My name is Zack from WJFW up in Rhinelander, WI. I was hoping to set up a phone interview to speak about Marsy's Law and why the senator thinks it's important.

To give me a call back or contact me. I can be reached at 8432064104.

Thanks!
Zack

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:02 AM EDT
To: Joe Belanger <outlook_BA43D10672279A37@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Open Golf Coursed

Hello Joel,

Thank you for contacting the office with your concerns. Senator Wanggaard has heard similar concerns from many constituents and in fact has asked WEDC and Governor Evers to consider changing the status of courses during the Safer at Home order.

If you would also like to appeal to WEDC directly, you may do so by following this link and filling out the form at the bottom of the page: wedc.org/essentialbusiness

Thank you again for your comments.

Regards,

Valirie Maxim
Committee Clerk
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Office of Sen. Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Joe Belanger <outlook_BA43D10672279A37@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Golf Coursed

Senator Wanggaard, I am retired and stuck at home like many others. I would like you to open up the state's golf courses, which have the same risks as our state parks. In fact, in my opinion they have less risks than the large groups I have seen wandering our parks. Please consider this as another option for us to get out and exercise.

Respectfully,
Joe Belanger

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:12 PM EDT
To: Stephen Grimm <sgrimm777@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Open Golf Courses

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the closure of golf courses in Wisconsin during the Governor's Stay at Home order.

Senator Wanggaard is advocating to the Governor and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to keep golf courses open during the emergency order.

You should also contact WEDC to personally appeal for the golf courses to remain open. I've included a link for your information.

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please do so with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Grimm <sgrimm777@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Golf Courses

Walking Only. Makes no sense having them closed...for so many reasons!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:41 PM EDT

To: David Armiak <darmiak@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Open Records Request

Attachment(s): "FW scheduling a meeting - March 12.msg", "FW WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case.msg", "FW WILL Call COVID & Emergency Powers, Medicaid Expansion, and Medical Professionals.msg", "Letter to Governor Evers Demand Counties Retract Claim That Drive-Up Religious Services are Illegal.msg"

Hello David –

Attached, please find the records responsive to your request. Please know that multiple copies of the same email, and emails contained within email chains were considered duplicative and therefore not included. If you want them, please let me know.

Also, because we are working remotely, we were not able to check our physical files, however I do not believe we have anything in our office in a paper copy that would be responsive to your request. But I wanted to provide this to you, so that we're weren't leaving the "window" open until we return to the Capitol. I will search the office when we return, and forward anything I find responsive, but like I said, I don't think I'll find anything.

Scott

From: David Armiak <darmiak@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:32 PM

To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Open Records Request

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's open records law, I request access to and a copy of all records that pertain to the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty (WILL), including the following WILL employees:

- Rick Esenberg
- CJ Szafir
- Luke Berg
- Will Flanders
- Anthony LoCoco
- Don Daugherty
- Brian McGrath
- Mike Fischer

The scope of this request includes the Senator and his staff. The scope of this request should include but is not limited to emails, attachments, both sent and received, all draft records, briefing books, memos, notes, minutes, scheduling records, text messages, other correspondence (internal and external) and all other records.

The search for records may be limited to those sent and received between January 1, 2020 and the date of your final response.

Please note that this request includes all emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as any other private email accounts or applications, such as Dropbox, GoogleDocs, ALEC Connect, or the Briefing Room, that have been used for official business. This request also includes any and all records available through a web hyperlink. Note: once viewed online, downloaded, printed, or otherwise in your possession, these materials become a public document subject to state public records law.

I request that these records be provided in electronic form in their native format. The Center for Media & Democracy is a non-profit public-interest organization, and the disclosure of the materials requested here would be in the public interest, greatly benefiting public understanding of the workings of government. As such a waiver of any fees is requested. If the waiver is not granted, we agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20.

If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify us. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

If you choose to deny this request in whole or part, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s). As allowed by Wisconsin law, please provide all portions of releasable material, even if there is redacted material on the page or record.

Lastly, please acknowledge receipt of this message.

All the best,

David Armiak

Research Director

The Center for Media and Democracy

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From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:10 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: scheduling a meeting - March 12

For Open Records Request- scheduling.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Yes- that works! Thank you!

Libby Sobic
Director of Education Policy
WILL

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:42:50 AM
To: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Hello,

How about 2pm?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,
I am following up my email below. Please let me know what time would work for a meeting with the Senator or staff on Thursday. We are available:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Thank you,

Libby

From: Libby Sobic
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 11:29 AM
To: 'Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov'
Subject: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,

My name is Libby Sobic and the Director of Education Policy at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. My colleague, CJ Szafir, and I will be in Madison on Thursday, March 12. We would like to meet with the Senator or a member of his staff to discuss two bills that will hopefully be headed to the senate floor soon. [SB 743](#), related to transparency in public school spending and [SB 789](#), related to course access.

We are available the following times on March 12:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Please let me know what works best for the Senator's or staff member's schedule.

Thank you!

Libby Sobic
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From: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:53 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

For more information, contact:
Collin Roth | WILL Director of Communication
collin@will-law.org | 414-727-7418

WILL Asks WI Supreme Court to Review Stay in WEC Case

Seeks to enforce Circuit Court order while appeal is pending

The News: The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) [filed a petition today](#) asking the Supreme Court of Wisconsin to review the stay issued by the Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC). Known as a petition for supervisory writ, WILL is asking the Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals' stay because the lower court failed to offer any reasoning or rationale.

The Quote: WILL President and General Counsel Rick Esenberg said, "The Court of Appeals is required to provide some explanation when issuing a stay. To date, the Court of Appeals has provided nothing. Whatever reasoning may follow, we're asking the Supreme Court to consider whether a stay is warranted at all."

Background: On January 13, the Wisconsin Supreme Court split 3-3 on whether to grant WILL's motion to bypass the Court of Appeals (Justice Dan Kelly recused). In the immediate aftermath, the Court of Appeals issued [a stay](#), halting Judge Malloy's December 17 court order requiring the Wisconsin Elections Commission to immediately comply with state law.

Recently, the Wisconsin Supreme Court unanimously concluded that the Court of Appeals must explain its stays. To date, the Court of Appeals has offered no reason or explanation for why it issued the stay in the WEC lawsuit.

Why It Matters: WILL [sued](#) the Wisconsin Elections Commission, on behalf of three Wisconsin voters, because the state agency was ignoring state law by leaving old and outdated voter registrations on the voter rolls. Judge Malloy's decision should remain in effect because Wisconsin deserves clean elections in 2020 and unelected bureaucrats at state agencies must understand that they cannot change state law and ignore a court order.

Read More:

- ["What You Need to Know About WILL's Lawsuit Against the Wisconsin Elections Commission,"](#) January 7, 2020
- ["WILL Sues Wisconsin Elections Commission,"](#) November 13, 2019



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From: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:52 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: WILL Call | COVID & Emergency Powers, Medicaid Expansion, and Medical Professionals

From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WILL Call | COVID & Emergency Powers, Medicaid Expansion, and Medical Professionals

News and Updates

Wisconsin Emergency Powers and Their Limits

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, state and local officials have moved quickly to initiate bans using the authority of a public health emergency. Last week, WILL President **Rick Esenberg** summarized emergency powers in the state of Wisconsin and some of their potential limits.

Read more [here](#).

Ease Medical Licensing To Address Pandemic

Policy analyst **Collin Roth** argues Governor Evers should take emergency action to ease licensing regulations for medical professionals to ensure that out-of-state and retired professionals can practice in Wisconsin.

Read more [here](#).

Medicaid Expansion Not The Answer to Coronavirus

Research Director **Will Flanders** takes on the claims that a Medicaid expansion is the correct policy response to the coronavirus pandemic at RightWisconsin.com.

Read more [here](#).

[Search Your School](#)

WILL recently launched the [Wisconsin School Quality Map](#) to provide an innovative tool that equips parents and school leaders with critical data about Wisconsin schools.

Search [your](#) school and share what you find!

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[WEC Lawsuit FAQ](#)

Have questions about WILL's lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission? With new developments every week, make sure you read WILL's FAQ on the case, the impact, and our answers to various claims about the lawsuit.

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From: Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty <info@will-law.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:34 PM EDT

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Letter to Governor Evers: Demand Counties Retract Claim That Drive-Up Religious Services are Illegal

For more information, contact:
Collin Roth | WILL Director of Communication
collin@will-law.org | 414-607-2558

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Letter to Governor Evers: Demand Counties Retract Claim That Drive-Up Religious Services are Illegal

Local governments threaten churches ahead of Easter weekend

The News: The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) and attorney Michael Dean issued [a letter to Governor Tony Evers](#) requesting that he clarify, correct, and restrain local government officials who are using [Emergency Order #12](#), the “Safer at Home” order, to ban drive-up religious services conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. We are requesting a response from Governor Evers by 2 PM today to ensure that drive-up Good Friday and Easter services will not be impacted.

Background: Numerous churches around Wisconsin have planned drive-up religious services this weekend to be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. But religious leaders have reported that some local government officials have interpreted Governor Evers’ “Safer at Home” order to prohibit this type of religious gathering. This interpretation conflicts with both Governor Evers’ order and the Wisconsin Constitution’s protection of religion under Article I, § 18.

Letter to Governor Evers: Rick Esenberg, President and General Counsel of WILL, and Michael Dean, Principal of Michael Dean LLC, [wrote to Governor Evers](#) Thursday and said, in part: “We understand the Governor’s responsibility to facilitate the safety of all Wisconsinites in the midst of this pandemic. But we cannot lose our heads. And state and local actors cannot use the occasion of a public health threat to run roughshod over the right to the free exercise of religion while permitting activities that are functionally equivalent from a public health and safety perspective.”

Esenberg and Dean are requesting a response from Governor Tony Evers by 2 PM April 9, 2020 acknowledging that the “Safer at Home” order does not ban drive-up religious services conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

Read More:

- [Letter to Governor Tony Evers](#), April 9, 2020



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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:18 PM EDT
To: Michael Maxwell <michael.maxwell@rusd.org>
Subject: RE: Please suggest to our Governor postponing our election

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ease the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition to the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

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I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Michael Maxwell <michael.maxwell@rusd.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Please suggest to our Governor postponing our election

Michael Maxwell
737 Lathrop Ave
Racine, WI 53405
2629894274
michael.maxwell@rusd.org

Senator Wanggaard:

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West Ridge Elementary School
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2629894274

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 11:40 AM EDT
To: Jeff Leavell <jeff@JEFFREYLEAVELL.COM>
Subject: RE: Postpone this election

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I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Jeff Leavell <jeff@JEFFREYLEAVELL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone this election

Van, please work to postpone the election. Voters should not be told by their government they have a civic duty and legal obligation to stay home, and yet cannot vote at the polling place if they adhere to that duty. Many people, particularly those not comfortable with online registration or absentee ballots, or the elderly, may not vote. Why should they be forced to make that choice? Elections like everything else in our society can be postponed. Volunteer poll workers, often older and at greater risk, should not be put in this position. Insisting on this election is just reckless.

Jeff Leavell

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:23 PM EDT
To: cscherbarth@tds.net <cscherbarth@tds.net>
CC: Rep.Wittke <Rep.Wittke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Restrictions on golf courses

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the closure of golf courses in Wisconsin during the Governor's Stay at Home order.

Senator Wanggaard is advocating to the Governor and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to keep golf courses open during the emergency order.

You should also contact WEDC to personally appeal for the golf courses to remain open. I've included a link for your information.

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please do so with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: cscherbarth@tds.net <cscherbarth@tds.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wittke <Rep.Wittke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Restrictions on golf courses

Gentlemen

I have heard that golf courses have been ordered closed. Does not make sense to me. Courses have taken precautions, but the governor has closed them. Not sure how this guy got elected. He is in way over his head.

Can you help

Craig Scherbarth

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:28 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen Wanggaard Constituent: UI Benefits for Sara Bublitz

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen Wanggaard Constituent: UI Benefits for Sara Bublitz

Hi Michelle,
Yes, I'll have someone call her.
Thanks.
John

From: Sen.Wanggaard - LEGIS <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:22 AM
Cc: sara.bublitz76@gmail.com
Subject: Sen Wanggaard Constituent: UI Benefits for Sara Bublitz
Importance: High

Senator Wanggaard has been contacted by a constituent who has not had success reaching UI on the phone. She is not able to file online. Can you please have someone reach out to her directly regarding her concerns? It looks like there is an "error" in her file. I have provided her information below.

Sara Bublitz
262-417-6793
5000 Graceland Blvd, Racine 53406

Please let me know when someone has a chance to get back to her. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
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From: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone
Importance: High

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I hope you find this information helpful.

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From: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI Benefits
Importance: High

Robert Vallone
3411 1st Ave
Racine, WI 53402
262-681-2180

From: Robert Vallone
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: Hi Van

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:29 PM EDT
To: Dan Decker <deckerdcd@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: "Stay at Home Order" in place for Wisconsin

Hi Dan,

The Governor has extended the deadline to match the federal deadlines. Income tax filings are now due July 15, 2020.

Van

From: Dan Decker <deckerdcd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: "Stay at Home Order" in place for Wisconsin

When is the governor going to change tax filing date to June 15th to match the Fed's

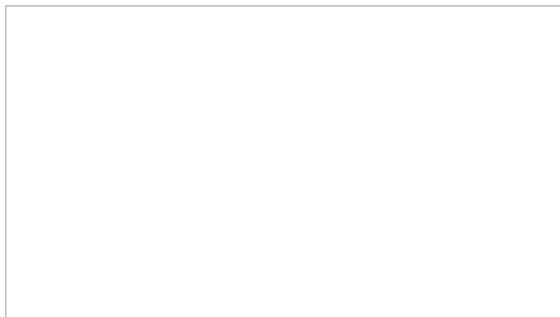
Dan Decker
1212 Harmony Dr
Racine WI 53402

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 10:59:26 AM CDT, Senator Van Wanggaard <sen.wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

State Senator Van Wanggaard's eNewsletter 2019

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COVID-19 Update: Stay at Home Order



Just a few minutes ago, the Governor released his "Shelter in Place" order. [You can read it here.](#)

If AFTER READING you still have questions about whether your business or employer is deemed "essential" or you wish your business to be deemed essential, [please go to WEDC for more information](#). They will be reviewing employers on a case-by-case basis. As we get more information, I will share it.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:15 PM EDT
To: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone

My pleasure. I will send her information to DWD now. Hopefully, they will be able to contact her soon.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:03 PM EDT
To: ric_cmm <ric_cmm@yahoo.com>; connie4_53177@yahoo.com <connie4_53177@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment

Thank you for contacting me about repealing the one-week waiting period before collecting unemployment benefits. I appreciate you reaching out about this subject.

I support suspending the one-week waiting period during the COVID-19 pandemic and have drafted a bill to do just that. The massive layoffs we are seeing during this time, along with government forcing businesses to close and causing unemployment, calls for easing the rules. In addition, I was pleased to see the work search requirement waived during the emergency. Though the legislature is still in the process of crafting an all-inclusive bill, which will include my legislative proposal to remove the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits, I am hopeful we will convene on these issues within the next week or so.

It is important to note, however, that the one-week waiting period does have legitimate purposes. This waiting period was put in place to add stability to the Unemployment Fund following the Great Recession of 2008-10. Many employers were using the Unemployment Fund to support their workers during annual choices to shut operations during the year (for example, during deer hunting season or holidays.) Thanks to this, and other reforms to unemployment, Wisconsin's fund was able to recover from the Great Recession faster than many other states. Therefore, I do not support a full repeal of the waiting period.

Again, thank you for reaching out about easing the unemployment rules during this pandemic.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard
State Senator
21st District

From: ric_cmm <ric_cmm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment

I would like to thank you and all other Wisconsin State Legislators for your inactivity on the unemployment legislation. Unemployment insurance payments in this state are low in the first place, however the first week waiting period makes things ever worse. Please go back to Madison with all your colleagues and pass the unemployment legislation to help us out in being able to pay our bills.

Regards,
Richard Thorn
3317 S Kennedy Drive
Sturtevant, Wi. 53177

262-886-2201

ric_cmm@yahoo.com

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:14 PM EDT
To: greg long <gregorylong84@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Upcoming election

Thank you for contacting me about the possibility of changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: greg long <gregorylong84@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Upcoming election

Sen Wanggaard,

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Thank you.

Greg Long
262-483-8233
300 County Rd V, Mt Pleasant, Wi 53177

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Greg Long

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:34 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update: Unemployed due to COVID-19

Hi John,

Senator Wanggaard has been contacted by Sarah Sherman regarding Unemployment Insurance. She was told by a claims specialist that she would have to apply in Illinois. Can you shed some light on this situation? Thanks.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sarah Sherman <sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update: Unemployed due to COVID-19

To Whom it May Concern,

I recently contacted you regarding my difficulties in filing for unemployment in Wisconsin due to COVID-19. A claims specialist with DWD has since contacted me regarding my application issues. I was unable to proceed with the application process in Wisconsin until I had spoken with a claims specialist.

According to the claims specialist, my employment history requires me to file for unemployment thru Illinois rather Wisconsin – even though I am a Wisconsin resident and my most recent place of employment is in Wisconsin. From October 2017 until December 2019 I was employed by a small, privately owned company in Illinois. Since I was employed by this small company during autumn 2018 and all of 2019, any employee benefits would be determined from that time period and that company and that state – I am not eligible for unemployment in Wisconsin.

The DWD employee was unable to assist me further, so I have since submitted an application for unemployment for the state of Illinois – just as the employee advised me to do. After submitting the application, it appears I have also been deemed ineligible for any sort of unemployment benefits in the state of Illinois.

I am at a loss. I am genuinely unemployed due to COVID-19. I am a Wisconsin resident and was employed by a company in Wisconsin, but I am unable to find any assistance during this time due to my previous work history. Where can I go to receive assistance with my costs of living if I can't even go to the services my state of residence supplies? What options are left available to me? I can't work or earn any income.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sherman
12036 344th Ave.
Twin Lakes, WI 53181
262-308-6437

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:16 PM EDT
To: poolsurplus@yahoo.com <poolsurplus@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Voting Changes

Hi John,

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Van Wanggaard

From: poolsurplus@yahoo.com <poolsurplus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting Changes

Senator Wanggaard,

I see that the Gov wants the legislature to make changes to voting.

This is a blatant attempt to steal the election.

I say make changes that are better for Republicans and see if the Gov will sign it.

How about not allowing early voting to start in Madison and Milwaukee, unless it starts in all towns, villages and cities at the same time.

I'm sure the legislature has other changes they wish to make also, like they tried to do after Gov Walker was defeated.

**John Poole
County Board Supervisor, Kenosha Co.
6245 237th Ave
Salem, WI 53168
262-945-4502**

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:53 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Yesterday

Looks good to me...probably don't need to include "and collecting the benefit". Not a big difference either way, but it might apply to more contacts.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Yesterday

Can y'all proof this?

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From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Yesterday

Do we have a written unemployment response?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 10:01 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Yesterday, I spent a lot of time on the "essential" business stuff.

Other issues – Unemployment, Tax Refunds, and childcare (again)

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:12 PM EDT
To: John.savaglio@att.net <John.savaglio@att.net>
Subject: SBA Relief

John,

I just wanted to let you know that Senator Wanggaard got your message. Thank you for reaching out to me in regards to helping small businesses. As I'm sure you're aware everything right now is happening at a very fast pace, and things are changing rapidly. However, there are already talks of how we can best alleviate the strain being felt by small businesses. You can be sure that as we have these discussions I will keep your thoughts, and your story in mind.

Thanks again.

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:21 PM EDT
CC: sara.bublitz76@gmail.com <sara.bublitz76@gmail.com>
BCC: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Sen Wanggaard Constituent: UI Benefits for Sara Bublitz

Senator Wanggaard has been contacted by a constituent who has not had success reaching UI on the phone. She is not able to file online. Can you please have someone reach out to her directly regarding her concerns? It looks like there is an "error" in her file. I have provided her information below.

Sara Bublitz
262-417-6793
5000 Graceland Blvd, Racine 53406

Please let me know when someone has a chance to get back to her. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone
Importance: High

There's an error in her file. Shows a job she never had. It's keeping her from filing.
They can call her at 262-417-6793 or email her directly at sara.bublitz76@gmail.com

Thank you for your help with this.

From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone

We are working remotely. There is no one in the office.

Can she apply online? If not, I will provide her information to DWD in order to contact her directly. Online WILL be faster because of the large amounts of people applying.

Please let me know either way.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone
Importance: High

I will have my friend call your office.
But you are all working remotely, correct?
Can someone call her to help her out? She is a constituent of Van's as well.

Her name is Sara and her phone number is 262-417-6793

She lives at 5000 Graceland Blvd, Racine 53406

I'd really appreciate it.

Please tell Van I said hi,. I have known him for many years back to his RPD days.

From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:00 AM

To: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>

Subject: RE: UI Benefits reply to Robert Vallone

Hi Robert,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding your Unemployment Insurance questions.

As you can imagine, many people are signing up for UI benefits. Applicants are asked to please try to sign up online. I've provided a link to FAQ. You can also apply at the link below.

https://dwd.wi.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm?fbclid=IwAR3r5xv42fPSQ_CqB0-6ILffVgzliFBRFJO2zf2C0I-NbZjbLvQTy95JNvw

If you are still unable to sign up for UI benefits, please feel free to email Senator Wanggaard's office again.

Senator Wanggaard has drafted legislation waiving the one week waiting period for benefits, but currently the wait has not yet been suspended.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Robert Vallone <pagerman@outlook.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:02 AM

To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: UI Benefits

Importance: High

Robert Vallone
3411 1st Ave
Racine, WI 53402
262-681-2180

From: Robert Vallone

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:57 AM

To: Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov

Subject: Hi Van

Van,

Robert Vallone here. Is there anything that can be done about the DWD phone lines?

I, like many of your constituents, have been laid off.

There's massive confusion about Unemployment. Has the waiting week been rescinded? My first payment has been held up for the waiting week.

The phone lines either are not working, busy, or you get through, get a place in line and then it hangs up on you.

This is NOT what we need at this time.

Lets get the state IT people all over this!!!!

Robert Vallone
Humble Constituent

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:38 PM EDT
To: tlewis@societysassets.org <tlewis@societysassets.org>
Subject: Special Needs Food Programs

Tricia,

Senator Wanggaard has had some folks reach out to him that have special food needs, and are unable to leave their homes due to physical limitations, as well as compromised immune systems. For example, we have a woman in her 60's, unable to leave her house, that can only eat certain things (no dairy, wheat, sugar, artificial ingredients, etc.) and is having a hard time find grocery stores that have those foods available.

I am wondering if you are aware of any program available to people that helps folks with special needs procure suitable food, and can make home deliveries or offer pick up?

Thank you for your help, and all of the work that you do,

Eric S. Barbour
Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

Subject: Steil and Vos: conference call re responses to COVID-19
Location: 888-278-0296 code: 8211477#

Start: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:15 PM EDT
End: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:15 PM EDT
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: None

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Osdene, Michelle

Required Attendees: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Hello,

Congressman Steil and Speaker Vos are hosting a WI-01 legislator conference call to touch base on federal and state responses to COVID-19. The call will take place tomorrow, March 25, 2020, at 3:15 p.m. The call-in information is below:

888-278-0296
8211477#

To RSVP or ask any questions you may have, please reply to this email. Thank you for your assistance with this scheduling matter.

Be well,

Ashley Luke
Office of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos
608-266-9171, 1-888-534-0063
Ashley.Luke@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:07 PM EDT
To: Sarah Sherman <sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com>
CC: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI benefit concern reply to Sarah Sherman

Dear Ms. Sherman,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding eligibility for Unemployment Benefits in Wisconsin. I reached out to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development for clarification on your eligibility denial. In Wisconsin, UI benefits are based on the last five quarters of earnings. It appears that because you were employed in Illinois, not Wisconsin for much of the last five quarters of earnings, you would not qualify for Wisconsin UI benefits.

I don't know the circumstances of your denied eligibility in Illinois for UI benefits, but I would suggest appealing that decision. A federal stimulus package is currently pending, hopefully appealing the decision will assist in receiving those funds.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please feel free to contact Senator Wanggaard with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sarah Sherman <sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update: Unemployed due to COVID-19

To Whom it May Concern,

I recently contacted you regarding my difficulties in filing for unemployment in Wisconsin due to COVID-19. A claims specialist with DWD has since contacted me regarding my application issues. I was unable to proceed with the application process in Wisconsin until I had spoken with a claims specialist.

According to the claims specialist, my employment history requires me to file for unemployment thru Illinois rather Wisconsin – even though I am a Wisconsin resident and my most recent place of employment is in Wisconsin. From October 2017 until December 2019 I was employed by a small, privately owned company in Illinois. Since I was employed by this small company during autumn 2018 and all of 2019, any employee benefits would be determined from that time period and that company and that state – I am not eligible for unemployment in Wisconsin.

The DWD employee was unable to assist me further, so I have since submitted an application for unemployment for the state of Illinois – just as the employee advised me to do. After submitting the application, it appears I have also been deemed ineligible for any sort of unemployment benefits in the state of Illinois.

I am at a loss. I am genuinely unemployed due to COVID-19. I am a Wisconsin resident and was employed by a company in Wisconsin, but I am unable to find any assistance during this time due to my previous work history. Where can I go to receive assistance with my costs of living if I can't even go to the services my state of residence supplies? What options are left available to me? I can't work or earn any income.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sherman
12036 344th Ave.
Twin Lakes, WI 53181
262-308-6437

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:26 PM EDT
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: VW response: Paul Singh

Paul wanted to know if property tax delay would be implemented due to Covid-19. MLO called him back to let him know the legislature is currently considering a number of proposals, including a property tax delay. Nothing has been changed at this time. MLO directed him to sign up for the newsletter and told him a change as large as a property tax delay would be reported on the news.

He thanked me for my call.

262-287-8225/ 262-857-3972
Pleasant Prairie in Kenosha

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:40 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wanggaard Constituent: Stimulus questions from Rick & Mary Kilps

Hello again,

Rick and Mary Kilps have stimulous fund questions. Can someone assist them please?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stimulus questions

Good afternoon,

I am writing to pass along the question below from one of your constituents, in case you have not already heard from them and so that your office(s) can work to address their concerns.

Best,

Emily

Emily M. Conklin
She/Her/Hers
Office of Rep. Katrina Shankland
Assembly District 71
Emily.Conklin@legis.wisconsin.gov
608-267-9649

From: rakilps3 <rakilps3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stimulus payouts

Hello,
Hoping you can help regarding the upcoming stimulus assistance.
I can not find anything that covers this status:

Filed tax papers but did not request direct deposit. Having check sent instead.

Both my wife and I collect social security and have our ss checks direct deposited.

We both qualify based on income level, combined income \$82,000.

Will we automatically receive the checks via direct deposit based on our Social Security being direct deposited?

Will we need to apply when the website is up and running?

I have seen that if u get your tax returns auto deposit they will auto deposit your \$.

Doesnt seem to cover our situation?

Thanks
Rick & Mary Kilps
5908 Pilgrim Way
Mt. Pleasant, WI. 53406

rakilps3@ gmail.com

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:08 PM EDT
To: msabol@wi.rr.com <msabol@wi.rr.com>
Subject: Wisconsin election law during COVID-19 pandemic

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ease the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition to the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

I also do not think it is necessary to change the deadlines for absentee balloting. The current deadlines provide plenty of time for returning ballots, and if a ballot is not returned on time, in person voting is still possible on election day. I am open to different methods of tabulating absentee ballots, and it is possible some changes may be made on that subject in the future.

I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

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Van Wanggaard

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:03 PM EDT
To: janedurmentmcs@gmail.com <janedurmentmcs@gmail.com>
Subject: Wisconsin's Election Date

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Van Wanggaard

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:11 PM EDT
To: evilmob@msn.com <evilmob@msn.com>
Subject: Wisconsin's election laws during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Van Wanggaard

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:13 PM EDT
To: johnncehr1@aol.com <johnncehr1@aol.com>
Subject: Wisconsin's elections law during COVID-19 pandemic

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Van Wanggaard

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:10 PM EDT
To: fredmareski@yahoo.com <fredmareski@yahoo.com>
Subject: Wisconsin's elections law during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Van Wanggaard

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:40 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FYI: Wanggaard Constituent: Julie Koldeway regarding Park Closings

As an FYI, I spoke to one of your constituents in Burlington. She said she visited her before your last election. She is a huge supporter and loves to see you at the Lincoln Day dinners. I thought you'd like to hear about it. Basically, she is mad that the state parks are closed. As a matter of principle, she wants a refund on her park sticker. I forwarded her concerns to the DNR.

Her name and address are listed below.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wanggaard Constituent: Julie Koldeway regarding Park Closings

Hello,

Senator Wanggaard has been contacted by a constituent who is unhappy that the state parks have been closed. She would like a refund for her park sticker. I have included her contact information below.

Julie Koldeway
262-492-8631
327 Conkey St.
Burlington, WI

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Barbour, Eric
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:45 AM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Solar and farming

From: Gary, Timothy J - DNR
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 7:44 AM
To: John C. Mitby; Rep.Sanfelippo; Rep.Nerison; Sen.Craig; Rep.Weatherston; Rep.Kuglitsch; Rep.Vos; Sen.Wanggaard; Sen.Vukmir; Sen.Moulton; Sen.Marklein; Konopacki, Larry; Queensland, Michael; Brauer, Andrea; Moll, Keeley A - DATCP; Clayton, Christopher R - DATCP; Rasmussen, Russell A - DNR; Biersach, Pamela A - DNR; Hope, Sam; Smith-Loomans, Sandra; Spencer, Matt; Maxim, Valirie; Booth, Jason; Fabick, Abbey; Stollfus, Zachary; Prange, Katy; Best, Keith; Ruby, Erin A - DNR; Konopacki, Larry; Brauer, Andrea; Queensland, Michael; Griffin, Martin P - DNR; Biersach, Pamela A - DNR
Cc: 'dament@newberlin.org'; CityOf NewBerlin; 'MBlum@newberlin.org'; 'kchiaverotti@cityofmuskego.org'; 'rrichard@wfbf.com'; Witynski, Curt; 'jkl@dewittross.com'; 'rwk@dewittross.com'; 'richard@gumzfarmsllc.com'; 'alan.jasperson@jaspersonrealty.com'; 'kramerbluemagic@aol.com'; 'christnjc@hotmail.com'; Kent, P; 'thalter@wi.net'; 'tlarson@wra.org'; 'wtowns@wisctowns.com'; 'jplautz@aol.com'; Witynski, Curt; 'jkl@dewittross.com'; 'thoulihan@wisconsinpotatoes.com'; 'Tom.Lochner@wiscran.org'; 'alan.jasperson@jaspersonrealty.com'; 'jimmy.bramblett@wi.usda.gov'; 'erin.obrien@wisconsinwetlands.org'; 'mark@hazebakerlaw.com'; 'ghderr@frontier.com'; 'tuggle.jason@countyofdane.com'; 'leemerrickfoundation@gmail.com'; Misteale, Nancy M - DOA; 'rockcountydainageboard@gmail.com'; 'Irmassie@wisc.edu'; 'spdainage@hotmail.com'; 'scott.brosteau@meadhunt.com'; Koles, Michael - Other; 'HHF32@centurytel.net'; 'paul@sandcountyequipment.com'; 'rick.manthe@wisctowns.com'; 'Rebecca.M.Graser@usace.army.mil'; 'dbeggs300@gmail.com'; 'policy@wisconsinwetlands.org'; 'tracy.hames@wisconsinwetlands.org'; 'jww@dewittross.com'; 'treefarmer47@att.net'; troanhouse@waterfordwi.org
Subject: RE: Solar and farming

To all: please accept my apology for the reply all. It was unintentional.

Sincerely,

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

Tim Gary
Budget and Policy Analyst
Bureau of Management and Budget
Internal Services Division
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Phone: (608) 266-2159
Timothy.Gary@wisconsin.gov



From: John C. Mitby <jmitby@hurleyburish.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Rep.Sanfelippo - LEGIS <Rep.Sanfelippo@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Nerison <Rep.Nerison@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Craig <Rep.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Weatherston <Rep.Weatherston@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kuglitsch - LEGIS <Rep.Kuglitsch@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos - LEGIS <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard - LEGIS <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Vukmir <Sen.Vukmir@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Moulton <Sen.Moulton@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein - LEGIS <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Konopacki, Larry <Larry.Konopacki@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Queensland, Michael A - LEGIS <michael.queensland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Brauer, Andrea E - LEGIS <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Moll, Keeley A - DATCP <Keeley.Moll@wisconsin.gov>; Clayton, Christopher R - DATCP <Christopher.Clayton@wisconsin.gov>; Rasmussen, Russell A - DNR <Russell.Rasmussen@wisconsin.gov>; Gary, Timothy J - DNR <Timothy.Gary@wisconsin.gov>; Biersach, Pamela A - DNR <Pamela.Biersach@wisconsin.gov>; Hope, Sam - LEGIS <Sam.Hope@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Smith-Loomans, Sandra <Sandra.Smith-Loomans@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Spencer, Matt <Matt.Spencer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie - LEGIS <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Booth, Jason - LEGIS <Jason.Booth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fabick, Abbey - LEGIS <Abbey.Fabick@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Stollfus, Zachary - LEGIS <Zachary.Stollfus@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy - LEGIS <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Best, Keith <Keith.Best@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ruby, Erin A - DNR <Erin.Ruby@wisconsin.gov>; Konopacki, Larry <Larry.Konopacki@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Brauer, Andrea E - LEGIS <Andrea.Brauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Queensland, Michael A - LEGIS <michael.queensland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Griffin, Martin P - DNR <MartinP.Griffin@wisconsin.gov>; Biersach, Pamela A - DNR <Pamela.Biersach@wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: RE: Solar and farming

There needs to be a balance between solar and farming otherwise we will be losing more farms.

Please see the state drainage engineer's opinion on solar needs review and approval of the local Drainage Board to protect the system; plus not have the farmer bear all the cost to maintain the drainage district and system.

The PSC has not considered this. In some areas prime farmland is being lost due to 25 year solar leases.

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From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:50 PM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Avidity Science

Well, I just sent Avidity Science in Waterford to Craig's office because the address is in his district and the guy wasn't in our forward database. If you have dealt with the issue...please remove the email from the top of the inbox. It is too overwhelming to look back at every issue email before responding. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Cc: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Contacts 3/20

Two specific businesses that I talked to were, "Qure-Medical" in Sturtevant, and "Avidity Science" in Waterford. The former manufactures medical device parts, and the latter purifies water specifically to be used in vaccine research.

I also was looking into specific businesses that rent store fronts, such as in strip malls, and the reality that they might not be able to afford to pay rent on April 1, or May 1. This could lead to mass closings of businesses.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Barbour, Eric; Van Wanggaard
Cc: Maxim, Valirie; Osdene, Michelle
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Contacts 3/20

On the waiting period stuff, everyone can tell constituents that Van has drafted a bill to suspend the one-week waiting period during the emergency.

The small business one is kinda broad, so let's not just give all small business to Eric. Was there any specific business you worked on?

From: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Contacts 3/20

Today I worked on the following issues related to COVID-19:

- Repealing the waiting period for unemployment benefits
- Special needs food programs (Making sure people with specific health issues can obtain the food they need.)
- The definition of "essential services"/what businesses could stay open during a shelter in place order
- Coronavirus effect on small businesses

(Got a majority of Article V calls too)

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:42 PM EDT
To: Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: doug.lohse@AvidityScience.com <doug.lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Subject: FW: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status

Dear Senator Craig,

I've included an email Senator Wanggaard received from Mr. Lohse from Avidity Science. Avidity Science is in your senate district. I trust you will be able to address Mr. Lohse's concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
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From: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Subject: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Wanggaard,

I am writing to see your help in light the pending announcement from the Governor relative to the 'safer at home' policy implementation.

Our business at Avidity Science is a critical element of pharmaceutical / biotech research for COVID-19 (and all other diseases, illnesses, etc.) – you will see below a high level statement and website. Our customers need our support during this time more than ever and as result we feel strongly we should be deemed 'essential' – this would be supported by the documentation we have seen from other states such as Ohio. **However, we don't understand the process to achieve this status – can you please help us?**

I am very concerned that with the pending announcement this afternoon I will have a number of employees asking questions about what this means for our company and them as individuals – I would greatly appreciate your quick help to understand what needs to be done to keep our business operational in support of the current fight against COVID-19.

I also wanted to let you know that I just spoke with Scott (not sure of last name) on your staff and he was extremely helpful – his engagement is much appreciated.

Best regards,

Doug

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Avidity Science is a worldwide leader in water purification systems and laboratory equipment for scientific research and healthcare lab facilities. Since its inception in 1969, it has built a leadership position in the laboratory research market through a unique combination of water purification and delivery, environmental monitoring, and service solutions.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:24 PM EDT
To: 2lnut73@gmail.com <2lnut73@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: immediately remove the caps on charitable contributions for one year

Dear Linda,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding lifting the charitable gift limits.

The legislature is currently working on a plethora of ideas for potential legislation during the current health emergency.

Senator Wanggaard will keep your suggestion of lifting charitable contribution limits in mind as ideas continue to be considered.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please feel free to reach out with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Thompson <2lnut73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: immediately remove the caps on charitable contributions for one year

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

As a member of the faith community and a charitable giver, I would like to encourage you to remember the churches, non-profits, and charities in our nation as you craft bail-out plans.

America is the global leader in total charitable work.

If the virus cripples charitable giving and decimates nonprofits, it will be a devastating blow to our nation's social fabric and fracture the foundational character of our country.

I encourage you to immediately remove the caps on charitable contributions for one year, and not any longer.

Thank you-I am praying for you and your colleagues as you make these decisions for our state's churches and non-profits.

Sincerely,

Linda Thompson
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Kenosha, WI 53142
2lnut73@gmail.com

From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:52 PM EDT

To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Justin.Phillips@wedc.org <Justin.Phillips@wedc.org>

CC: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: FW: Request for Pool Industry to be Clarified as Essential- Safer At Home (Justin left vm Gov's office deems non-essential)

Senator Wanggaard would like the pool industry to be considered for essential service designation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene

Office of Senator Wanggaard

21st Senate District

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From: Kdpools <kdpools@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Request for Pool Industry to be Clarified as Essential- Safer At Home

Senator Wanggaard,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the pool industry and requesting that clarification be made to the verbiage of essential industries as outlined by the Safer At Home Act.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Additionally, the World Health Organization states that controlling water quality is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

PHTA firmly believes the companies that supply pool sanitization and disinfection materials (through manufacturing, distribution or retail stores), the companies that manage the maintenance of swimming pools, hot tubs and other artificial bodies of water and the companies currently constructing inground pools and spas are essential to preventing the transmission of infectious diseases, helping maintain community health, and ensuring public safety.

Without proper pool and hot tub maintenance (which includes circulation and treatment of water) various pathogens can grow, such as Pseudomonas, Cryptosporidium, E. Coli, Shigella, etc. It can also create a breeding ground for mosquitoes, other pests and the diseases they may carry, which presents a risk not only to bathers but to the entire community at large.

Additionally, it is critically important that active inground pool and spa projects be completed. Unfinished projects pose significant public safety risks as potential issues such as cave-ins and pool popping, as well as the dangers resulting from an active construction site. And, the impact of long-term exposure to the elements may result in the community health issues noted above.

As children and families across the country are being asked to reduce outside contact or even shelter at home, and with gyms and other public facilities closing, the backyard pool, spa or hot tub provides the ideal way for families to focus on their health and well-being. These pools and hot tubs should be properly maintained to ensure proper sanitation measures are taking place.

Working with our industry partners in New York, Governor Cuomo issued an executive order, No. 202.6 on March 18, 2020, classifying our industry as essential stating 'Effective on March 20 at 8 p.m.: All businesses and not-for-profit entities in the state shall utilize, to the maximum extent possible, any telecommuting or work from home procedures that they can safely utilize. Each employer shall reduce the in-person workforce at any work locations by 50% no later than March 20 at 8 p.m. **Any essential business or entity providing essential services or functions shall not be subject to the in-person restrictions. This includes essential health care operations including** research and laboratory services; essential infrastructure including utilities, telecommunication, airports and transportation infrastructure; essential manufacturing, including food processing and pharmaceuticals; essential retail including grocery stores and pharmacies; essential services including trash collection, mail, and shipping services; news media; banks and related financial institutions; providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations;

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construction; vendors of essential services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential businesses; vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public' - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2026-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency> .

I am writing to you today in advance, asking that should our area be confronted with the need to limit operation of non-essential businesses, that those businesses in our industry as identified above, be classified as essential to ensure the prevention of infectious disease growth and transmission of disease through otherwise un-sanitized and non-operable pools, and pool and hot tub construction sites.

Thank you for your support.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:53 PM EDT
To: PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Subject: FW: State Health Dept not running a test for person at our ECE Center

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding testing for COVID-19.

I understand that Rep.Kerkman has spoken to your mother a couple times this week about this situation. So, you might have already received this information.

First, our offices have no authority to order someone be tested. You will need to contact and work with the public health department in order to request tests be run.

I've also included the information we received from the Wisconsin Department of Health regarding qualifications for testing. Perhaps some of this information will not be necessary now that everyone is home and practicing safe distancing.

From DHS: *Due to the demand on testing, and the limited supply of testing material at the lab, DHS has established testing criteria which can be found on this page:* <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm>

Specimen collection – i.e. when a physician collects a nasal and pharyngeal swab, can generally happen anywhere a health care provider has the supplies (though those two come in and out of shortage). Testing, at this point, only happens at a couple of labs across Wisconsin who are at their peak in terms of throughput. We are anticipating two more large scale labs to come online yet this week, and their work will focus on testing the tier 3 & 4 cases, assuming the other labs can keep up with tier 1 & 2.

DHS has a team at the state emergency operations center working alongside the National Guard to help new labs come online, and to help stand up new specimen collection facilities as the testing infrastructure grows.

I hope you find this information helpful. Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
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From: Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Karen Kersting <Karen.Kersting@kenoshacounty.org>; Jen.Freiheit@kenoshacounty.org
Cc: Erickson, Ashly - GOV <ashly.erickson@wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; DHSwebmaster@wisconsin.gov; ekane@chw.org
Subject: State Health Dept not running a test for person at our ECE Center

We were just told that a parent (Lauren Mccarraher) who has been on our premises (The Goddard School in Pleasant Prairie) extensively over the past two weeks, who WAS administered a test yesterday, and who DOES have all symptoms, who HAD potential exposure during her stay in the hospital recently, will NOT be getting the results of the test as the state won't be running it. We have many first responders and healthcare workers and nursing home employees who are were on our site, and their children also had possible exposure to her and her child.

I ask that someone please help get her test run for the safety of our families, teachers, and all our parents who work at Froedert Hospital, Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Aurora Hospital, Brookside Senior living, ULINe, and Abbott Labs among others so we all know whether to take action. These people need to know the results and so do we.

Sarah Hall
On-Site Owner

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From: Karen Kersting <Karen.Kersting@kenoshacounty.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:37 AM

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To: Director, Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <DPleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>; The Goddard School <pleasantprairiewi@goddardschool.com>; Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Subject: FW: KCDOH 3/21/20 COVID-19 UPDATE

From: Jen Freiheit <Jen.Freiheit@kenoshacounty.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Health <Health@kenoshacounty.org>
Subject: KCDOH 3/21/20 COVID-19 UPDATE

Hello Public Health Partners! *This information is being sent with our partners as the target audience and is **not** intended for direct distribution to the public. However, you may use the information presented herein to inform your own messaging.*

Attached is a new sitrep. If you are new to this sit rep update and would like to receive the past 2 sit reps, please email Karen Kersting cc'd here. They are largely outdated at this point, but you might find them useful. Also, apologies if you are receiving this twice. We are trying to reconcile lists as this goes out to over 500 people.

NOTE: We **DO NOT** know if or when a statewide Shelter-In-Place will be put into effect. We will let you know as soon as we find out. I see many cars on the road and still in stores in Kenosha County. Please encourage your friends and family to take this seriously and *remain at home*.

Thank you.

COVID Questions: Dial 2-1-1

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:21 PM EDT
To: Justin.Phillips@wedc.org <Justin.Phillips@wedc.org>; Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
CC: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Nuisance wildlife removal: COVID-19 Essential Business
Attachment(s): "NWCOA letter to govt officials COVID-19 3.pdf"

Senator Wanggaard would like WEDC and Governor Evers to consider nuisance wildlife removal services as essential during the stay at home order.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
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From: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:53 PM
To: info@tonyever.com; Rep.Barca@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Ohnstad <Rep.Ohnstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Essential Business

To whom this may concern,

As we are approaching this pandemic shut down due to COVID-19, I am writing this email to see if we as a Nuisance Wildlife Removal company, All Wildlife Animal Eviction Wisconsin Inc., are considered an essential business due do to wildlife having the potential to carry diseases into homes. Please view the attached National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) letter.

Thank you for your time. Hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Official,

The National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) is the leading trade organization representing individuals and businesses involved in the wildlife control and rodent industry.

During this time of pandemic, the NWCOA and its members are an essential industry providing control of nuisance wildlife which has ability to affect health and safety of the public through direct contact as well as possible zoonotic disease transmission.

We recognize the serious nature of this pandemic and the need for social-distancing measures. For NWCOA it is our hope and expectation to have the local authorities, in the event of a mandatory quarantine, ensure that wildlife control operators are to be considered “essential personnel” and to not be prohibited to report to or service a building or location.

With regards,

Ryan Hall
President, NWCOA

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:35 PM EDT
To: Steve Gutschick <s.gutschick@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: An additional limited essential service needs to be added to your WISDOT/DMV services available during COVID-19 shut down

Steve,

Thank you for reaching out to Senator Wanggaard. I understand your wife needs a valid photo ID to meet federal requirements for Medicare. Can you explain more in detail why she cannot obtain a photo ID from the DMV?

Thank you

From: Steve Gutschick [s.gutschick@outlook.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard
Subject: Fw: An additional limited essential service needs to be added to your WISDOT/DMV services available during COVID-19 shut down

My wife and I are constituents of yours living in the Town of Randall.

Can you help with the matter below?

Please reply with a quick return email, so I know your office got this.

All help is appreciated.

Thank you,

Steve Gutschick
Sent from Outlook

Date: April 8, 2020 at 12:59:56 PM CDT
To: opa.exec@dot.wi.gov
Subject: An additional limited essential service needs to be added to your WISDOT/DMV services available during COVID-19 shut down

Whoever picks up this email, would you be kind enough to up channel to the proper authority. Thank you.

My wife, who is chronically ill, had an appointment tomorrow April 9 at the Elkhorn office to renew her expired drivers license. It is needed for her Medicare eligibility, were a valid photo ID issued by a government is required.

Because of her illness and my suffering a heart attack leading to open heart surgery, her license expired on April 30, 2019 and we were unable to attempt renewal until now.

Your officers are still open for voter ID purposes. I thought we could go that route.

A photo ID would be acceptable for Medicare, but she does not fit the voter ID petition process because a license that would have been valid in November 2018 is still good for the upcoming election.

My wife Nadine Radtke (R320-6205-5650-06) will be forced into Medicare on her birthday April 30 And needs a valid photo ID before then to meet federal requirements.

I get it that there are likely very few individuals that hit this donut hole.

But, our need for a photo ID is essential. This is not the time to go without health care coverage and as you know people must move to Medicare if they Have no group health plan available and Medicare age individuals are not eligible for the affordable care act coverage.

I tried to phone this in but got stuck in auto attendant hell at the 608-264-7447 number.

Please respond by reply email or a phone call to (262) 581-5092.

Thank you very much for the understanding.

I mean that.

Steve Gutschick

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:59 PM EDT
To: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>
CC: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Essential Business

Hi Nick,

I have already heard back from the Governor's office and WEDC regarding our request. They said that nuisance wildlife removal " was considered essential under 13(n) if "necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation" of a residence."

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please feel free to reach out with any future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:53 PM
To: info@tonyevers.com; Rep.Barca@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Ohnstad <Rep.Ohnstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Essential Business

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Thank you for your time. Hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Kind Regards,

Nick Johnson
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www.awaew.com

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:55 PM EDT
To: CLAIRE MAKI <cemaki@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: Internship Thank You

Thank you Claire. What a strange time. Let me know if you are interested coming back in the fall. Take care and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: CLAIRE MAKI <cemaki@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Internship Thank You

Dear Michelle, Valirie, Eric, Van, and Scott:

Since I'm a freshman, I've been removed from my dorm and I'm permanently at home for the rest of the semester. Unfortunately, this means our time is cut short and I will not be able to come in and say goodbye due to the new order to stay at home.

I wanted to thank you all for making my experience as an intern a very positive one. Everyone in the office was always kind and welcoming, it made for a great first internship. I loved to listen in on everything going on, and while I'm not the most vocal person, I admire how much you all care about each other. It makes for a wonderful work atmosphere to be in.

With my time with the office, I learned to hone my time management skills. I learned to find the fastest and most efficient paths to successful work, to keep improving every day, and be open to all perspectives. There's a lot of different opinions in the world, we're not going to agree with every one of them, but it's important to take the time to address and analyze each one.

Thank you all for the super quizzes and laughs, I hope to see you all sometime soon!
Claire Maki

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:22 PM EDT
To: Diana and Eugene Altwies <altwies3@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: lack of guidance by both the Wis Dept of Health, as well as the CDC

Dear Eugene,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding your concerns about the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WHS).

I will share your concerns with Senator Wanggaard, as well as the WHS. Since you sent your email, the situation has obviously changed. The Governor has issued a stay at home order and hopefully your concerns about safety have been alleviated for the time being. That being said, we should expect leadership and guidance going forward, whether it be about Covid-19 or anything else that might come up in the future. Senator Wanggaard appreciates you bringing this to his attention.

The Center for Disease Control is a federal organization, so you will want to contact your federal representatives in Washington, D.C. with your concerns about their guidance. I've included Congressman Steil's contact information.

Congressman Bryan Steil: <https://steil.house.gov/contact>

Also, did you see that Conservation Congress will be accepting comments online this year? I've provided the information below, just in case.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has announced that the in-person portion of the 72 public meetings known as the Spring Hearings that were to be held in each county on April 13 are canceled. The public will continue to have the opportunity to provide input on the natural resources advisory questions from the DNR, Natural Resources Board (NRB), and WCC through the online input option.

A joint press release making the announcement can be found at the following link: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5065>

The online input option will be provided through a link that will be posted on the [Spring Hearing](#) page and will go live at 7 p.m. on April 13. The online version will remain open for three days (72 hours). Results will be posted as soon as they are available.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Diana and Eugene Altwies <altwies3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: lack of guidance by both the Wis Dept of Health, as well as the CDC

Eugene Altwies
(262)960-0348

On Sat, Mar 21, 2020 at 7:24 AM Diana and Eugene Altwies <altwies3@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Van,

As the plant manager for Harken, Inc I am appalled at the lack of guidance by both the Wis Dept of Health, as well as the CDC for guidance regarding COVID-19 infections for business. We are literally making our own policies due to the lack of protocol and information.

So, we have split our first shift into two shifts.

We have instituted cleaning practices.

We have put policies in place to limit person to person contact in a 100,000 ft*2 plant with more than 100 employees on the shop floor.

Where are the guidelines for containment of contagious diseases for Wisconsin?

What are the procedures for containment when we have a COVID-19 positive?

How do we evaluate exposure and mitigate risk for the other employees?

What are the conditions and circumstances when we should close our facility? Or conversely, when can we keep it open?

Another concern is that I implore you to urge the governor to put emergency orders for shelter in place immediately. This situation is not going to get better without proper management and oversight. This is not happening. Too many people will not comply with simple guidelines to limit the spread of this disease. Pls tell the governor the shut down the state until the infection rates are reduced.

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I appreciate your past support of the Conservation Congress and I look forward to speaking with you about my concerns.

Respectfully,

Eugene Altwies
Harken, Inc. Plant Mgr
WCC District Councilor and Kenosha County Vice Chair
Badger Trap Team Head Coach
(262)960-0348

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:11 PM EDT
To: Apick22073 <apick22073@aol.com>
Subject: RE:

Hi Al –

Senator Wanggaard has been advocating with both the Governor and WEDC, to keep golf courses open during the executive order.

You may also want to contact both directly. WEDC can be reached at wedc.org/essentialbusiness

Thank you

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Apick22073 <apick22073@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Dear Van,

I would ask if you could encourage the government to keep the golf courses open during the shut in time. Exercise is important. The golf courses would close the club houses and people could purchase their tee time online. The golf courses would only be open to walkers, two at a tee time, and tee times ten minutes apart. If people can ride their bikes in the neighborhoods or walk the dog, two people ten minutes from the nearest person on a lonely golf course on a spring day cannot be a health threat. In fact it is a blessing to get the husband out of the house, or the wife if she is the golfer. Other states have implemented this policy and I believe it would be a helpful for the moral of Wisconsin.

Al Pick
1093 Cardinal Court
Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:54 PM EDT
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: RE: Nuisance wildlife removal: COVID-19 Essential Business

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Nuisance wildlife removal: COVID-19 Essential Business

Correct, that is my understanding as well.
ZM

Zach Madden
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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard - LEGIS <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Nuisance wildlife removal: COVID-19 Essential Business

Michelle,
I will defer to Zach here if he says otherwise, but in a similar inquiry, residential Pest Extermination was considered essential under 13(n) if "necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation" of a residence

Justin Phillips

Legislative Liaison

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

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Justin.phillips@wedc.org

From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>; Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Nuisance wildlife removal: COVID-19 Essential Business

Senator Wanggaard would like WEDC and Governor Evers to consider nuisance wildlife removal services as essential during the stay at home order.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:53 PM

To: info@tonyeyers.com; Rep.Barca@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Ohnstad <Rep.Ohnstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: COVID-19 Essential Business

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Thank you for your time. Hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Kind Regards,

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:47 PM EDT
To: Kdpools <kdpools@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Request for Pool Industry to be Clarified as Essential- Safer At Home

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the inclusion of the pool industry as an essential industry in Wisconsin during the Governor's stay at home order.

Senator Wanggaard is advocating to the Governor and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to include the Pool Industry during the emergency order.

You should also contact WEDC to personally appeal for the essential industry designation. I've included a link for your information.

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please do so with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Kdpools <kdpools@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Request for Pool Industry to be Clarified as Essential- Safer At Home

Senator Wanggaard,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the pool industry and requesting that clarification be made to the verbiage of essential industries as outlined by the Safer At Home Act.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Additionally, the World Health Organization states that controlling water quality is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

PHTA firmly believes the companies that supply pool sanitization and disinfection materials (through manufacturing, distribution or retail stores), the companies that manage the maintenance of swimming pools, hot tubs and other artificial bodies of water and the companies currently constructing inground pools and spas are essential to preventing the transmission of infectious diseases, helping maintain community health, and ensuring public safety.

Without proper pool and hot tub maintenance (which includes circulation and treatment of water) various pathogens can grow, such as Pseudomonas, Cryptosporidium, E. Coli, Shigella, etc. It can also create a breeding ground for mosquitoes, other pests and the diseases they may carry, which presents a risk not only to bathers but to the entire community at large.

Additionally, it is critically important that active inground pool and spa projects be completed. Unfinished projects pose significant public safety risks as potential issues such as cave-ins and pool popping, as well as the dangers resulting from an active construction site. And, the impact of long-term exposure to the elements may result in the community health issues noted above.

As children and families across the country are being asked to reduce outside contact or even shelter at home, and with gyms and other public facilities closing, the backyard pool, spa or hot tub provides the ideal way for families to focus on their health and well-being. These pools and hot tubs should be properly maintained to ensure proper sanitation measures are taking place.

Working with our industry partners in New York, Governor Cuomo issued an executive order, No. 202.6 on March 18, 2020, classifying our industry as essential stating 'Effective on March 20 at 8 p.m.: All businesses and not-for-profit entities in the state shall utilize, to the maximum extent possible, any telecommuting or work from home procedures that they can safely utilize. Each employer shall reduce the in-person workforce at any work locations by 50% no later than March 20 at 8 p.m. **Any essential business or entity**

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providing essential services or functions shall not be subject to the in-person restrictions. This includes essential health care operations including research and laboratory services; essential infrastructure including utilities, telecommunication, airports and transportation infrastructure; essential manufacturing, including food processing and pharmaceuticals; essential retail including grocery stores and pharmacies; essential services including trash collection, mail, and shipping services; news media; banks and related financial institutions; providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations; **construction; vendors of essential services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential businesses;** vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public’ - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2026-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency> .

I am writing to you today in advance, asking that should our area be confronted with the need to limit operation of non-essential businesses, that those businesses in our industry as identified above, be classified as essential to ensure the prevention of infectious disease growth and transmission of disease through otherwise un-sanitized and non-operable pools, and pool and hot tub construction sites.

Thank you for your support.

KD Poolscares

11932 120th Street
Franksville, WI 53126
262.835.4353

www.kdpoolscares.com

www.facebook.com/kdpoolscares

<http://www.houzz.com/pro/kdpools/kd-poolscares>

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:42 AM EDT
To: Christopher Charles Peters <peterscc@uwm.edu>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin graduate nurse temporary licenses during COVID-19

Dear Chris,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding credentialing and scope of practice for medical professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are aware that Senator Kooyenga is working on legislation to provide temporary regulatory flexibility during the public health emergency to enable a variety of health care providers to practice at the top of their clinical education, training and experience.

The legislature is working on a variety of legislation to assist during this public health emergency. Senator Wanggaard will review the full proposal when it is available and keep your thoughts of support in mind.

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please feel free to reach out with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Christopher Charles Peters <peterscc@uwm.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin graduate nurse temporary licenses during COVID-19

Good afternoon, Senator Wanggaard,

I enjoyed meeting the representative from your office at the ANA Nurse's day at the Capitol. Thank you for hearing our positions on the issues we discussed: "Ask Me First," nurse faculty funding, and immunization.

I am writing to request you partner with Senator Dale Kooyenga to petition the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing to automatically renew the temporary licenses of graduate nurses who have not yet taken the NCLEX licensure exam.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has [suspended the exam](#) at this time. Our graduate nurses are working on their temporary licenses and are at the frontline of the current pandemic. These nurses cannot take the exam to have their permanent license issued. While they can request an extension to their temporary permit, it requires completing a form and paying a fee, which would then have to be processed by state administrators. I think we can all agree everyone involved has better things to do during this crisis. Other states, like [Texas](#), have already done so. Please have Wisconsin follow suit and automatically extend the temporary licenses of these graduate nurses.

Thank you for considering my input. My home address is 2812 Frontier Drive, Racine WI 53404. My phone is 414-460-5378. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Chris Peters, BSN, RN
Academic Affairs Coordinator
UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing
Cunningham Hall 694
Office Phone: 414-229-2310
[website](#) | [facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#)



From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:19 PM EDT
To: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>
Subject: Wildlife removal companies: COVID-19 Essential Business response to Nick Johnson

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding designating companies who provide wildlife removal services essential during the Governor's Stay at Home order.

Senator Wanggaard is advocating to the Governor and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to keep wildlife removal services open during the emergency order.

You should also contact WEDC to personally appeal for your business to remain open. I've included a link for your information.

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please do so with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
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From: Nick Johnson <allwildlifeanimaleviction@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:53 PM
To: info@tonyeyers.com; Rep.Barca@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Ohnstad <Rep.Ohnstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Essential Business

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Thank you for your time. Hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Kind Regards,

Nick Johnson
All Wildlife Animal Eviction Wisconsin Inc.
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From: Osdene, Michelle

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 6:41 PM EDT

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>

CC: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Inbox cleaned up

I cleaned out the inbox so it is easier to identify the time sensitive covid-19 emails vs others. I've filed all of the "info" such as emergency orders under the corona virus tag. I left the pending corona emails on top, eliminated the duplicates and filed the regular constituent emails (form letters and convention of states) under "intern" to be done at another time.

Hopefully, this will make responses a bit easier. I miss everyone!

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 5:28 PM EDT
To: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Another question for the secretary-designee:

What is the system and metric in place for triaging testing supplies, PPE and other needed goods?

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Van will participate.

He would also like to know what metric/rubric they will use to lift the stay at home order, the number of hospitalizations, and more localized (i.e. municipal or county area) infection rates.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell (262) 613-5719. That way I can keep a queue similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/764596799>

Meeting ID: 764 596 799

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial **1-312-626-6799** and enter code **764 596 799**

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:10 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: scheduling a meeting - March 12

For Open Records Request- scheduling.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Yes- that works! Thank you!

Libby Sobic
Director of Education Policy
WILL

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:42:50 AM
To: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Hello,

How about 2pm?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Libby Sobic <libby@will-law.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,
I am following up my email below. Please let me know what time would work for a meeting with the Senator or staff on Thursday. We are available:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Thank you,

Libby

From: Libby Sobic
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 11:29 AM
To: 'Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov'
Subject: scheduling a meeting - March 12

Michelle,

My name is Libby Sobic and the Director of Education Policy at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. My colleague, CJ Szafir, and I will be in Madison on Thursday, March 12. We would like to meet with the Senator or a member of his staff to discuss two bills that will hopefully be headed to the senate floor soon. [SB 743](#), related to transparency in public school spending and [SB 789](#), related to course access.

We are available the following times on March 12:

11:00 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm
3:30 pm

Please let me know what works best for the Senator's or staff member's schedule.

Thank you!

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From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:36 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Sen. phone number?

I'm assuming this has been taken care of?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Still, Kathy - DVA <kathy.still@dva.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Sen. phone number?

Hi, Scott.

Hope you're well. Secretary Kolar would like to call Senator Wanggaard. What is a good number she can reach him at?

Thanks.
Kathy

Kathy Still | Assistant Deputy Secretary | Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
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From: Osdene, Michelle

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:14 PM EDT

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: Photo from Twitter

I put on Facebook already. Do you want anything else in the newsletter?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 9, 2020, at 11:10 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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> Use this graphic for parks in the newsletter.

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> <Image-1.png>

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> Sent from my iPad

From: Osdene, Michelle

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:11 AM EDT

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

CC: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: Yesterday

Do we have a written unemployment response?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 10:01 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Yesterday, I spent a lot of time on the "essential" business stuff.

Other issues – Unemployment, Tax Refunds, and childcare (again)

Scott Kelly

Chief of Staff

Senator Van Wanggaard

608-266-1832

scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:03 PM EDT
To: Foesch, Meggan <Meggan.Foesch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Beighley, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Beighley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Approval

Great, thx.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Foesch, Meggan <Meggan.Foesch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Approval

Hi Michelle,

You will need to include it on the month the travel took place.

Thanks,
Meggan

From: Beighley, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Beighley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Foesch, Meggan <Meggan.Foesch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Approval

A great question, I've CC'ed Meggan on this email.

JB

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Beighley, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Beighley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Approval

Should I include the mileage on my other mileage sheet, or no?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Beighley, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Beighley@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Travel Approval

Hey Michelle,

Since Milwaukee is within 40 miles of the Racine county border you do not need senate org approval.

Thanks,

JB

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Austin Evers, Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW; Suite B255
Washington, DV 2005

Dear Austin,

Thank you for your open records request dated April 10, 2020, in which you seek “all email communications sent by” Senator Wanggaard’s office with references to 62 words or word fragments. We have enclosed a flash drive containing those documents.

You also seek any communications with, broadly, the Republican National Committee and/or email addresses ending in gop.com. We have no records responsive to this request. In addition, you should be aware that there is a bright line between political work and legislative work in Wisconsin. It would be unlikely that we would receive such correspondence in our legislative/government office. In addition, had we received such correspondence, it would likely have been immediately deleted to preserve that bright line.

Please note that one of your search terms, “Kelly” is the last name of Senator Wanggaard’s chief of Staff. There is no relation to Justice Daniel Kelly. However, because you requested records containing the word “Kelly” and from the chief of staff, these records were deemed responsive to your request.

Three documents have been withheld from this last group of emails, the ones from Scott Kelly. After the required balancing test, I have withheld these documents because they contain personal information about Senator Wanggaard and/or his staff, which outweighs the public’s right to inspect these records.

These documents were generally not responsive to your request (broadly, to coronavirus, election or government issues), but rather contained personal information about Senator Wanggaard and/or his staff. Had your request not included the term “Kelly” or the Chief of Staff’s name was not “Kelly”, these records would not have been responsive to your request. If you would like challenge the withholding of these records, please let me know, and I will inform you of next steps.

We now consider this records request fulfilled, and this matter closed.

Sincerely,

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard.

From: Barbour, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:56 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Early child care letter

Here's more or less a punt on early child care and educational professionals. Do you have any specifics regarding what we might be doing in the legislation to help them?

"Dear Name,

Thank you for contacting me about early child care and educational professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

I have heard similar concerns from many constituents and understand the importance of our child care and educational professions, especially during this critical time.

At this time the legislature is exploring all of the ways we can alleviate the economic burden of those impacted the most by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Evers' "safer at home" order. As I partake in these discussions, you can be sure that the well-being of our early child care and education professionals will be at the forefront of my mind.

Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard"

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:22 PM EDT
To: dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov <dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Child Care Facility Guidance

[See below](#)

From: Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Erickson, Ashly - GOV <ashly.erickson@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Child Care Facility Guidance

Thanks, we are aware of that document. It does NOT cover our scenario, a PARENT with a PRESUMED case who has been on premises, and also does not cover a specific amount of time we should be closed or anything else relevant.

Our parent was told today, after trying repeatedly to being tested by different agencies, and despite having ALL symptoms, that she would be charged out of pocket some unknown sum for a test, and may not even get the test results. So anything that speaks only about CONFIRMED cases is missing the mark completely.

Secondly, we have been in contact with the health department and they said they had NO AUTHORITY TO CLOSE US FOR A PRESUMED CASE, according to the document you just referenced. They told us we could open tomorrow if we wanted, but that it wasn't a good idea.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

We want to be there to support our first responders, but how can we do that if your careless policies are what makes them ill? We want to be able to provide services when this is over, but this will also bankrupt us (having to close voluntarily - otherwise our insurance company would provide business interruption claims).

Sarah Hall
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From: Erickson, Ashly - GOV <ashly.erickson@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Subject: Re: Child Care Facility Guidance

Sarah, here is an additional resource I just found that includes scenerios: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/press/2020/dcf-order-2-covid-19.pdf>

From: Erickson, Ashly - GOV
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:35 PM
To: pleasantprairiewi@goddardschools.com <pleasantprairiewi@goddardschools.com>
Subject: Child Care Facility Guidance

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for contacting our office. I've put together some resources I think you will find helpful.

DCF issued guidance for child care facilities <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/index.php/covid-19/guidance>

DCF FAQ's <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/index.php/covid-19/childcare>

Emergency Order

#6: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/18/file_attachments/1404852/DHS%20Order_3.18.2020.pdf

DHS guidance for child care workers: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/schools.htm>

Mass Gatherings info: <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Mass%20Gathering%20FAQ%203.21.20.pdf>

Thank you for keeping our neighbors safe! For further questions, please email dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:03 PM EDT
To: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID Liability Measures Inadequate
Attachment(s): "COVID19 Liability Measures Inadequate.04 10 20 FINAL.pdf"

I haven't talked to Van, but I can't imagine he would support what the CJC is asking for here. If this is your normal course of business, then you should be held to the same standard as normal.

From: Paige Scobee <scobee@hamilton-consulting.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Paige Scobee <scobee@hamilton-consulting.com>
Subject: COVID Liability Measures Inadequate

Please see the attached memo from Wisconsin Civil Justice Council on liability provisions in the Legislature's draft legislation on COVID-19.

WCJC thanks the Legislature for including protections for healthcare providers and their employees but respectfully requests the Legislature enact civil liability limitations for manufacturers of PPE and COVID-19 treatment equipment without unnecessary limitations. WCJC also encourages the Legislature to enact civil liability protections for employers keeping their workers and workplaces safe and for persons rendering aid.

On behalf of the broad swath of the business community represented by the Wisconsin Civil Justice Council, we stand ready to work with you.

Thank you,
Paige

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To: Wisconsin Legislature

From: R.J. Pirlot, Executive Director
Paige Scobee, Lobbyist

Date: April 10, 2020

Re: Released COVID-19 liability protection measures are inadequate.

Recently, WisPolitics distributed summaries of draft legislation relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency being considered by the Legislature's Republican majorities. Actual bill language has not yet been released.

The Republican majorities appear to be working on necessary, fair liability protections for healthcare providers and their employees who are putting their personal health at potential risk as they work to treat patients and fight this novel coronavirus. **Thank you for including these protections for healthcare providers and their employees.**

Other measures recommended by the Wisconsin Civil Justice Council are either apparently *not* being considered or the language being considered is inadequate.

Enact civil liability limitations for manufacturers of PPE and COVID-19 treatment equipment.

The plain-language summary released by WisPolitics contains problematic provisions related to exemptions from liability for manufacturers producing critical products to address the public health emergency, highlighted below.

From the summary released by WisPolitics:

EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products **in response to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order 72** (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. **The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit**

of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.

[Draft legislative proposal summary p. 7, emphasis added.]

The Wisconsin Civil Justice Council strongly supports exemptions for civil liability for manufacturers of medical equipment associated with COVID-19, but the following two provisions make this particular proposal unworkable:

- **Limiting the civil liability exemption to manufacturers only selling the products at cost provides *no* protection for those businesses who are *already* manufacturing such equipment as part of their regular business model.** Furthermore, this language would provide no financial incentive for manufacturers to repurpose their facilities to make medical equipment. It is not practical to require businesses who in good faith want to help the state by manufacturing critical supplies to choose between 1) selling the products at cost and potentially losing substantial profits in order to receive the liability exemption or 2) selling the products at a standard price point and risking losing millions to frivolous lawsuits filed by aggressive plaintiff attorneys. Private businesses should not be expected forgo their entire business model in order to receive civil liability exemptions that are fair, as the state expects businesses to step up and produce vital equipment. If these provisions are enacted, few if any additional businesses may begin manufacturing equipment associated with COVID-19.
- **The Legislature should not limit the civil liability exemption for manufacturing of critical supplies to only the public health emergency created under Executive Order #72 and any legislative extension.** Even after the current wave of COVID-19 ends, the state may want to begin stockpiling necessary equipment to treat any remaining cases and prepare for a future outbreak. The Legislature should extend the liability exemption for any manufacturer willing to make these critical products, whether in response to or in preparation for any public health emergency.

Bipartisan legislatures and governors across the country have already enacted appropriate liability exemption provisions for manufacturers without these arbitrary limitations. The Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Evers should do the same.

The Wisconsin Civil Justice Council encourages the legislature to adopt civil liability exemptions for manufacturers of medical equipment used to address COVID-19. But the provisions outlined in the draft summary are unworkable and would not provide a meaningful, effective incentive for manufacturers to take on the risk of making these critical products.

We respectfully encourage you to enact liability protection for manufacturers of all types of respirator masks certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Welfare and any manufacturer who chooses to repurpose their facilities to manufacture personal protective equipment or equipment in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In addition, two other needed protections do not appear to be under consideration by the Legislature.

Enact civil liability protections for employers keeping their workers and workplaces safe.

Enact liability protections, including an exception to the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act for measures to mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak, to allow businesses to screen employees and visitors (e.g., by taking a temperature scan) for signs of illness prior to entering a business or employer facility. Further, provide liability protections for employers who require employees to engage in proper hygiene procedures. **The summary released by WisPolitics gives no indication this necessary liability protection for the broader business community is being considered.**

Enact civil liability protections of persons rendering aid.

Create a civil liability exemption for any person providing aid or support to assist those suffering from the communicable disease or engaged in efforts to combat the spread of the communicable disease identified in an emergency public health order. **The summary released by WisPolitics gives no indication this necessary liability protection for the persons rendering aid is being considered.**

Please feel free to contact R.J. Pirlot if you have any questions at pirlot@hamilton-consulting.com or 608-445-4410 or Paige Scobee at scobee@hamilton-consulting.com or 612-232-2089. On behalf of the broad swath of the business community represented by the Wisconsin Civil Justice Council, we stand ready to work with you.

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:59 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Plea

[You should give this guy a call.](#)

From: Mark Ruvel <Mark@championhcare.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Izzy Weinberg <Izzy@championhcare.com>
Subject: Covid-19 Plea

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

My name is Mark Ruvel. I operate the Champion Care network, with one skilled nursing facility (The Bay at Burlington) located in your district. In this facility, I have approximately 100 residents and 125 staffers that are on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19.

Under the recently passed Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Congress appropriated approximately 580 Million dollars for Wisconsin to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. Congress also passed the CARES Act, which appropriates another \$150 billion dollars for state and local governments through a yet to be determined formula. I recognize that there are many competing priorities for the best way to fight the virus, but I want you to realize that our facilities are running critically low on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staffing needed to keep our residents safe.

To that end, I'm asking that you please reach out to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to urge them to allocate at least 20% of any Congressional funding be used specifically to help the long-term care facilities in the state. We will use these funds to engage new staff, retain existing staff and obtain PPE that is essential in containing the spread of the infection.

If you have any questions or need more facts regarding the situation on the ground, please reach out to me at (347) 409-9617 or via email at mark@championhcare.com.

Senator, you are in a prime position to literally save lives. It's as simple as that. By helping give our heroic staff a voice in obtaining the resources they need to fight this threat, you are helping your constituents and the great state of Wisconsin deal with the greatest challenge many of us have ever faced.

Sincerely,

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:12 PM EDT
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: FW: HVACR Contractors Should be Treated as Essential Services

Senator Wanggaard would like HVACR Contractors considered to be included as essential businesses. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Ty Faust (ty.faust@hjfaust.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: HVACR Contractors Should be Treated as Essential Services

Dear Sen. Van H. Wanggaard,

As you confront the challenges surrounding the spread of Coronavirus I request that you consider the essential services that HVACR professional play in maintaining the health of our nation and protecting vulnerable populations against the spread of this disease. Specifically, I ask that you exempt HVACR contractors from mandates that would force contractors to close their businesses or that would require our staff to self isolate.

HVAC contractors are a backbone of the economy, responsible for ensuring modern medicine is possible, ensuring information technology centers are operational, maintaining a fresh supply of food, and providing essential comfort for nearly every hospital, office building, and home in the country. HVACR contractors provide more than comfort, they provide essential services that our economy depends upon and ACCA is the premier trade association representing this pillar of the economy.

HVACR contractors should be considered emergency service providers because they perform necessary, life-saving services on several components of our nation's most critical infrastructure. This includes, but is not limited to, the healthcare industry, the agri-food supply chain, cooling for data and information technology centers, and essential heating, cooling, and refrigeration needs for vulnerable populations.

If our contractors do not have the necessary labor to service the HVACR systems at vital sites like hospitals, labs, pharmacies, grocery stores, and food warehouses, among other places where lives, safety, and economic well-being are all at stake, the consequences could be catastrophic. Imagine a hospital, overwhelmed with patients suffering from the Coronavirus, and the mechanical systems breakdown. Failure to provide ventilation needs and maintain indoor air quality would mean certain death for many.

We also request that you consider measures to support this essential component of the economy as we navigate the rapidly changing circumstances around us. Rather than mandating paid leave for workers, we request that you consider expanding access to unemployment insurance. Mandates to provide paid leave as this time presumes that HVACR contractors have enough liquidity or cash reserves to persevere the economic hardships they could be facing. This year many HVACR contractors are already operating on lines of credit because the mild winter we experienced saw fewer breakdowns of heating equipment, and therefore required less repair or replacement work. Tax credits will not produce sufficient liquidity in time and we fear the government does not have the infrastructure and businesses do not have the administrative resources to access these advances in the time needed to deter business closures.

Rather than mandating paid leave, which could force many small and medium businesses to close, ACCA supports immediate action from the federal government that would encourage states to loosen restrictions on the ability to use unemployment. ACCA also supports state action that would immediately expand unemployment insurance and loosen restrictions on the use of these benefits. The federal government could also provide additional funding to states that may experience shortfalls in their unemployment accounts.

Unlike mandated paid leave, which contractors have not budgeted for, HVACR contractors have budgeted for unemployment insurance and have already paid into those accounts. Considering that unemployment has been at an historic low, those accounts should be well funded, and we believe that would enable HVACR contractors survive some very challenging times.

Thank you for your efforts to address my concerns. And, thank you for working in a bipartisan fashion to help our country navigate these exceptional times.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ty Faust
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:12 AM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Info for Today's Call

From: Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 9:12 AM
To: *Legislative Senate Republicans - Senators <Legislative-Senate-Republicans-Senators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Info for Today's Call

Senators and Secretary-designee Palm,

I wanted to send this link out prior to the call today to have a common point of reference for our discussion. As all of us know, there are a plethora of sources out there for data, but this is the one that many of the large hospital systems are using for projecting case load, etc., so I thought it will be safe to guide us. If you have a few minutes it may be helpful to visit the site, select Wisconsin, and review the different numbers.

<http://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Looking forward to a productive discussion.

Chris

From: Barbour, Eric
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:40 AM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter from Tyler Huffhines

From: Tyler Huffhines [tylerhuffhines@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Sen. Wanggaard
Subject: Letter from Tyler Huffhines

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

I would first like to thank you for everything you have done for the State of Wisconsin and for all that is yet to come. I know with everything going on with the COVID-19 you are beyond busy with keeping the safety of the citizens. I am asking for a few moments of your time to address some issues that we are facing in custody awaiting trial.

Before I begin I would like to tell you a little bit about who I am. My name is Tyler Huffhines, I have resided in Wisconsin for the 20 years of my life. I have been in custody since September 5th of 2019 facing charges of possession of THC. Prior to these charges I was attending Carthage College pursuing a double major in Business Management and Economics, on an academic scholarship. I have been an active role model in Southeast Wisconsin by coaching youth sports, giving clothes and school supplies to kids in need, being a leader in both St Catherines and Westosha Central High School, and overall working to better my community. Due to the significant bonds Kenosha County issues I have been unable to return to my community, or begin a trial. During the six months of custody there has been 4 bond hearings not one time a change nor a reason for the \$500,000 cash bond for a nonviolent, no prior record, and posing no risk of flight which are the main things that go into setting bails. I do feel a review of my case and bail should be looked at because I do feel my rights during pre-trial are being revoked.

Overall this letter is not just about me, but the safety of many, such as other inmates, correction officers, sheriffs, nurses, and others involved in the Pre Trial Detention Centers.

The COVID-19 is something we are very concerned about in here, with no guidance from any of the officials here. One of the issues we have is our right to the presumption of innocence secured after centuries of struggle. It feels as if we are being punished before we are found innocent or guilty due to the fact we are stuck in a small area where we are unable to keep a distance from each other and unable to make sure the people around us are safe to be around. The workers from this facility leave and come back. For us it is a big concern. For the reason we don't know who they are in contact with on a daily basis, and if/when one of them get this virus it will be impossible to stop the spread throughout the jail.

Another issue that has arose, is once it gets in who will watch over us and who will provide us with medical attention, due to the fact of limited medical assistance that already causes delayed medical attention. Other issues is the set aside budget for emergencies, the Department of Corrections budget for 2017-19 is \$2,479,354,300 how much more will have to be added to that budget due to the numerous expenses coming with housing not only Pre Trial defendants, but also the prisoners already sentenced that get infected with this virus. Some questions that come about is who will pay for the medicine/supplies needed? What nurses/doctors will be willing to come in to help us? Who will feed us if everyone is sick? And also how will we proceed with our trials?

The last question brings me to the next issue of our Sixth amendment right to "enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial". With the fear of this virus spreading our court dates have already began to be pushed back further or postponed until further notice. We understand the concern of the safety, but feel if we are unable to keep pursuing our trails their must be another option for us. Whether that is fair and lowered bonds, signature bonds, or electronic monitoring, this gives us the right to see our loved ones in case it is their last day, prepare for trial, and keep us safe until the court begin to proceed.

Overall, we are asking that you take into consideration the safety of everyone involved in this system. Lowering the population of the Pre Trial Detention Centers will benefit the State in many ways. Such as the jails are suitable for testing/housing confirmed cases, it would keep thousands of people safe while awaiting trial, keep the states DOC budget as planned whereas having to pay for test, medicine, and everything else that Goes along with it, and lastly it gives us an opportunity to see our family that may not recover from this virus.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to hear the concerns of many and hoping to hear back with guidance on these issues.

Sincerely,

Tyler Huffhines

I am sending this email that Tyler Huffhines wrote and asked me to send on his behalf. Thank you, Tom Blount (Grandfather)

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:36 PM EDT
To: cindy010830@yahoo.com <cindy010830@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Protect Our Incarcerated Loved Ones from a Coronavirus Outbreak

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding your concern for an incarcerated loved one.

I have included information regarding steps the Wisconsin Department of Corrections is taking during this healthcare emergency. Additional information can be found at: [https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/COVID19\(Coronavirus\)/Memos/COVID19Memos.aspx](https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/COVID19(Coronavirus)/Memos/COVID19Memos.aspx)

ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS

We are working collaboratively with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to coordinate all of our responses to COVID-19. We have developed a public website to provide easy access to the most accurate and up-to-date information at doc.wi.gov/COVID19. The Department of Corrections is tailoring existing pandemic plans to the specifics of COVID-19 and is working in coordination with the Governor's Office, the Department of Administration, and the Department of Military Affairs.

VISITING AND VOLUNTEERS

All visits and volunteer activities are temporarily suspended at all of our facilities until further notice. We understand this will have significant impacts on those in our care and will be reviewing this decision on a daily basis. We are working on expanding alternative methods of communication to use during this time. Professional visits will continue, but we will make accommodations for phone calls and video conferences, or non-contact visits whenever possible.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

We have medical professionals on-site monitoring the health of individuals in our care. Medical co-pays have been temporarily suspended to allow anyone experiencing signs of illness related to COVID-19 to seek medical attention.

SITE CLEANING

Sites are establishing ongoing sanitizing and disinfectant measures to routinely clean work areas with an emphasis on critical and high traffic areas and surfaces.

INFECTION MONITORING

Daily reporting protocols are taking place to provide up-to-date numbers on possible infections.

EQUIPMENT MONITORING

We are working to ensure facilities and health care units have the supplies necessary to control the spread of COVID-19. We are currently tracking and securing our inventory of personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, cleaning agents, etc.).

I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Cindy Jones (cindy010830@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Protect Our Incarcerated Loved Ones from a Coronavirus Outbreak

Dear Sen. Van H. Wanggaard,

I am a constituent and I have a loved one who is incarcerated. I am very worried about their health and safety in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

I am writing to ask you to please contact the state DOC and BOP to make sure they have plans in place for how to deal with this pandemic. I know that many prisons are canceling family visitation. I recognize that such a step might be necessary to limit the spread of the Coronavirus, but lengthy visit bans put a tremendous burden on families. We also worry that the virus might enter the prison through the staff or volunteers.

We ask that you urge the state DOC and BOP to:

1. Provide adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitizer (where allowed) to everyone in the prison and ensure that washable surfaces are disinfected;
2. Screen staff, volunteers, and any other individuals to make sure they are not endangering the health of those who are incarcerated while encouraging them to stay home if feeling sick;
3. If family visit bans last for more than a week, provide free phone calls and email access to people in prison; and
4. Keep families aware of any outbreaks, developments, and planned lock-downs so that they know their loved ones are safe.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cindy Jones
22810 Durand Ave Apt 4
Kansasville, WI 53139-9799
cindy010830@yahoo.com
(262) 248-1342

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:27 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
CC: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Real Racine activity report
Attachment(s): "Real Racine report for mid Feb-mid March.pdf"

This information may be helpful ahead of the Tourism briefing for today.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Blank <Dave@realracine.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 3:35 PM
Subject: Real Racine activity report

Good afternoon,

This report goes up to March 17. We were all still here in the office at that time.

The pandemic has hit the travel and tourism industry hard here in Racine County- and around the world. It has crippled our hotels, restaurants, attractions and shops. Last week our hotels across the county were averaging 23.2% occupancy, compared to 50% last year over the same week. Some of the major ones are under 10% this week. Tourism is oftentimes taken for granted, until something like this comes along.

This has caused Real Racine to identify places to cut in its budget. The full time staff salaries were cut 25% and the part time visitor center staff was furloughed. There are cuts to events, marketing, local event sponsorship, travel and the postponing of our partnership of the talent attraction program utilizing social media program with RCEDC. We are estimating that our primary source of revenue, room tax, will be at a 10-15% level for the next couple of months. In total, there were about \$260,000 of cuts. This is similar to other destination marketing organizations across the state.

At this point we are still hopeful that summer will show a rebound. We are in a perfect place for those in the Chicago metro area looking to get out of town and enjoy our award-winning beach, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, parks, restaurants and shops whenever it is safe to travel again. The DNC will still have a huge effect on Racine County's economy with its new mid-August dates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

--

Dave Blank
President, CEO
Real Racine

Member- Racine Civic Centre Commission
Member- Racine Arts Council Board of Directors
Member- MetroGO Regional Transit Leadership Council
Member- Gateway Technical College Hospitality Advisory Committee
Member- Fox River Water Trail Core Development Team
Member- Route of the Badger Bicycle Trail Coalition

(262) 884-6405

Real Racine Activity Report for mid-February thru mid-March, 2020

Compiled by Dave Blank, President/CEO

Over the past month representatives of Real Racine have met with the following organizations to discuss projects:

- Dave attended a ceremony at the Cesar Chavez Community Center where Racine was highlighted as a 5G Community.
- Dave attended a bi-monthly "Route of the Badger" meeting in West Bend where Ozaukee and Washington Counties bicycle initiatives were presented.
- Cari met with Kate from RCEDC regarding upcoming events for Talent Acquisition
- Brianna and Cari attended day-long Web Audit of RealRacine.com with 26Digital
- Cari attended International Women's Day Breakfast as a guest of the Australian Embassy in Chicago
- Brianna and Dave attended the monthly Talent Attraction meeting with Greater Racine County & RCEDC
- Brianna met with representatives of SC Johnson regarding Social Media Collaboration
- Dave attended a semi-annual Gateway Hospitality Advisory Committee meeting at Sazzy B's in downtown Kenosha along with representatives from Kenosha, Walworth and Racine Counties.
- Dave attended a reception at Wingspread for the retirement of Roger Dower and the welcoming of Marcus Whit as the new director of the Johnson Foundation..
- Cari met with Amy & Matt at Racine Honda regarding sponsorship in 2020
- Cari met with Gary Smith of Wind Point Living Magazine regarding partnership
- Dave participated in a Destinations Wisconsin conference call which took the place of our usual bi-monthly meeting.
- Brianna represented Real Racine as a guest judge for Color for a Cause at Regency Mall
- Dave, Cari and Brianna participated in a Destinations International conference call regarding COVID-19.
- Dave did his annual presentation to the Leadership Racine class.
- Dave attended a bi-monthly Racine Economic Development Committee meeting.

Group Tours/Meetings- Eileen Arnold

- Worked on 3 itineraries for Racine for Heritage Peer which I attended on February 24-28 in Independence, Missouri. I had 24 appointments with 34 people. They had a break-out session in which I helped the Bankers with itinerary planning. Followed up with 33 Bankers after I returned.
- I have been working the last few weeks on canceling tours and also trying to reschedule tours. Two of the three tours that were canceled these past few weeks are looking to reschedule. The Circle Wisconsin Marketplace has been rescheduled from April to June. Awaiting updates on the Select Traveler show that was scheduled for this week and the

giant IPW Show that is scheduled for Las Vegas, May 30-June 4th. It has been a very trying time for our industry right now, and I have been talking to a lot of folks within our industry. Everyone is affected.

- Currently, there are 17 tours booked with seven overnights for 2020.

Special Events- Cari Greving

Meetings

- Sports ETA National Symposium scheduled for April 2020 has been postponed. Waiting on new date.

Upcoming EventsAmerican Junior Golf Association Preview at Meadowbrook Country Club May 1-3, 2020

- Postponed on March 16, 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Currently working with AJGA and Meadowbrook Country Club on a new date for August 2020.

Pro Watercross Tour Stop at North Beach July 17-19, 2020

- Currently still active. No plans to modify at this time; we are waiting to see what happens in coming weeks.

June Beach Volleyball Tournaments

- 4 dates in June
- No discussion on canceling/postponing/modifying. All are scheduled as they were pre-COVID 19.

Mount Pleasant Easter Egg Hunt April 4

- Event canceled. Planned to partner as we did last year and help with promotion and stuffing eggs with candy. No reschedule date, obviously.

Other Events in the Works

- Racine Area Triathlon
- More Lacrosse Events
- Boating & Fishing
- All currently on hold as we try to navigate these changes

Social Media Director- Brianna Wright

Brianna helps promote Real Racine as a brand through social media outlets (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) by sharing authentic experiences that can be had in Racine County, providing information by sourcing it to our website (realracine.com), and adding content that is relevant, creative, and sparks inspiration for our audience.

- **Social Media Analytics Status (YTD as of March 18, 2020)**
 - **Facebook:** 13,915 likes (+344 this month) Average Content Reach Daily: 27,529
 - **Instagram:** 1,961 (+23 this month) Likes, Avg. Daily Content Reach: 12,608
 - **Twitter:** 1,861 followers
 - **Video Metrics (Facebook and YouTube)** 383,985 views (+40,488 this month)

- **Website Analytics (via Google Analytics)**
 - **Website Analytics YTD (as of Jan 1, 2020) : 41,317 (+14,438)**
 - 85% new users
 - Mobile 63.2% , Desktop 29.4%, Tablet 7.3%

- **Influencer Marketing Updates**

An in-kind partnership and paid sponsorship initiatives to create deeper connections and value-driven content while giving a more diverse narrative to Racine County tourism marketing. We have postponed this initiative during this time for health concerns.

Rally For Racine County

- We're rallying as a community to support our small businesses while keeping safety a top priority. Real Racine is transitioning to become a resource hub to promote the local economy during this unprecedented time. We hope for this group to be our main discussion area to promote restaurant home deliveries, local businesses with a gift card program, family-focused activities and other information to support our local economy.
- Partnered with team at RAMAC to moderate posts to keep information accurate and up to date for our residents.
 - Group Opened 3/17 2:40 PM
 - Group Members as of 3/19 12:30 PM: 1,391
 - Average of 50-60 posts from users daily
 - 1.3k interactions on group within 24 hours

Real Racine Activity Guide Distribution and Visitor Center Visits

	Through mid-March
*Activity Guides distributed out of area by CTM	5,940
Activity Guides distributed locally	15,356
Shipped to Wisconsin CVB's/chambers	6,380
Info requests mailed	288
Response to advertising	175
Event packets	75
Total activity guides distributed	28,214

Visitor Center

*Visitor Center visits for February	188
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 1:04 PM EDT
To: Sen.Carpenter <Sen.Carpenter@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Riemer <Rep.Riemer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: pitterbr@gmail.com <pitterbr@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Safer at home and FFCRA

Hello,

Brianna Rozman works in Racine, but is a constituent of the 3rd Senate District. As a legislative courtesy, I am forwarding to your office for assistance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Brianna Rozman <pitterbr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safer at home and FFCRA

Hello Senator Wanggaard,

I have some concerns I'm hoping you can help me with.

I'm a teacher at Racine Correctional Institution. Because I work in a correctional facility, I am considered essential personnel, regardless of my position- caught under a blanket consideration, so to speak. In turn, I and all of my coworkers in the education department are excluded from the majority of the protections that are afforded by the FFCRA. We are hoping that we will, at the very least, be afforded the opportunity to work from home in an attempt to avoid becoming the next Waupun Correctional Institution, or the next Columbia Correctional Institution. It has been an unnecessarily difficult process.

We aren't currently teaching any classes- one wise move, thankfully, but we are still coming into the facility. I and at least one other of my coworkers commute into Racine from Milwaukee county, which has the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases.

I'm hopeful that you might be able to give me some clarification on why teachers who aren't teaching are considered essential personnel when in reality we're just adding to the risk, both to the facility and ourselves, and why we aren't afforded the protections meant to mitigate some of the potential problems and damages.

I appreciate you taking the time to listen, and look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,
Brianna Rozman

2068 s. 73rd st.
West Allis, WI 53219
414-303-0987

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:49 AM EDT
To: daniellesorenson40@yahoo.com <daniellesorenson40@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Shut Racine down- Menards

Dear Danielle,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding closing down Menards during the Governor's emergency order.

As you are likely aware, hardware stores such as Menards, have been included on the list of essential businesses that are allowed to continue to operate. Also, as you are probably aware, people are not supposed to be shopping for non-essential items at this time. That should greatly reduce the number of people that your daughter comes into contact with. If she is concerned for her safety, she can discuss other arrangements with her employer.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the Governor's emergency order. Please feel free to reach out with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Shut Racine down- Menards

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Message Subject

Corona virus

Message

Shut Racine down! My daughter is exposed to hundreds of people everyday at Menards. Some customers even touch everything at front desk when they're mad and don't get what they want. These store workers seem to be more in danger than hospital staff, and it's not right. What is Wisconsin waiting for?! 12.00 an hour to serve your country. ☹

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:24 PM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: urgent request - Mental Health crisis

I doubt she is our constituent, but this is an interesting concern. Mason had a phone call with his therapist yesterday, but video would be much better. The therapist mentioned that many of their rules have been suspended to hopefully allow video conferencing soon. I don't know if it's been discussed, but this would help a lot of people. Just a thought.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Pam Schultz <pschultz8904@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bewley <Sen.Bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Carpenter <Sen.Carpenter@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Erpenbach <Sen.Erpenbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Hansen <Sen.Hansen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Johnson <Sen.Johnson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Larson <Sen.Larson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Miller <Sen.Miller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Ringhand <Sen.Ringhand@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Risser <Sen.Risser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Schachtner <Sen.Schachtner@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Shilling <Sen.Shilling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Smith <Sen.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Taylor <Sen.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wirch <Sen.Wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: urgent request - Mental Health crisis

PLEASE do what it takes to temporarily change the laws to allow therapists to hold counseling sessions over the phone and for them to be billed to insurance.

Mental health crises are already at an all time high - people need to be able to continue their services to avoid relapses in substance abuse, worsening depression, suicidal thoughts - I urge you for the safety of our therapists and their families to allow counselors to hold sessions over the phone or via Skype. Other medical professionals have masks and gowns that they can wear - therapists do not have that and are in a closed room with individuals who may be sick and yet still need mental health care.

Please be proactive and do whatever is necessary for people to continue to get the help they desperately need. Our legislators and insurance companies need to make this happen - it is not only everyone's physical health that is at stake, but also their mental health.

Thank you for your time,
Pam Schultz

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:17 PM EDT
To: Holly Hurley <hollyhurley@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ease the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition to the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

I also do not think it is necessary to change the deadlines for absentee balloting. The current deadlines provide plenty of time for returning ballots, and if a ballot is not returned on time, in person voting is still possible on election day. I am open to different methods of tabulating absentee ballots, and it is possible some changes may be made on that subject in the future.

I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please do not hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard

-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Hurley <hollyhurley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting

Hi Senator!

Just wanted to express my support for sending absentee ballots to every registered Wisconsin Voter!

Thank you for supporting this for us here in Racine!

Hope you are healthy and safe,
Holly Feather

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:06 PM EDT
To: paul doebereiner <pdoeber@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: Essential businesses

Hi Paul –

Assuming painters are deemed “essential” as you say, then yes, you could do exterior or interior work as you desire.

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: paul doebereiner <pdoeber@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Essential businesses

Good morning,
I live in Racine and own a residential painting business. Is exterior painting (using social distancing) acceptable during safer at home?
We're not interested doing interior work till it is deemed safe to interact in closer quarters.Saw that “painters” were among essential construction trades.
Thanks in advance for any help in clarifying.
Sincerely,
Paul Doebereiner
933 Lathrop Ave
Racine, WI 53405
262-498-3045

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 1:38 PM Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Van Wanggaard (21st Senate District). We appreciate hearing from you.

If you did not remember to include your full name, address and telephone number, please resend your email and include this information.

While this email account is monitored, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, responses may be delayed. If this is urgent, or if you need an immediate response, please call the office at 608-266-1832 and someone will try to assist you.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of State Senator Van Wanggaard.
Visit us online at: [Click](#).

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:37 PM EDT
To: Jacque, Andre <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

If Van hasn't responded directly, please sign him onto the letter.

From: Jacque, Andre <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Hi Van-

Here's another copy of the letter, thanks for signing on. So far I'm at 9 senators and 20 from the Assembly.

Thanks!

André

April 1, 2020

Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm
Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens the safety and wellbeing of Wisconsinites.

In the emergency order, you acknowledge that our state may not have the resources to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and that everyone in Wisconsin must "*take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives.*" However, abortion clinics are continuing to operate in Wisconsin, needlessly exposing people to the potential to contract COVID-19 and using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites. **It is deeply disturbing to find out that many lower risk businesses have been shuttered while you have given Wisconsin's abortion clinics special dispensation to remain in operation.** Several other states, including Iowa, Maryland, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alabama and Ohio have ordered standalone abortion facilities within their borders to close down as part of the prudent directive that all medical centers stop performing elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures to limit risk and reserve medical resources for COVID-19 response.

Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater risk to the patient as well as our community.** Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a "Shelter-in-Place" order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned Parenthood's bottom line at the expense of our citizens' health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

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WI-SEN-20-0894-A-000176

From: Jacque, Andre
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens their safety and wellbeing.

In the emergency order, you acknowledge that our state may not have the resources to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and that everyone in Wisconsin must *"take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives."* However, abortion clinics are continuing to operate in Wisconsin, needlessly exposing people to the potential to contract COVID-19 and using precious medical resources that are needed elsewhere to save Wisconsinites. **It is deeply disturbing to find out that many lower risk businesses have been shuttered while you have given Wisconsin's abortion clinics special dispensation to remain in operation.** Several other states, including Maryland, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio have ordered standalone abortion facilities within their borders to close down as part of the prudent directive that all medical centers stop performing elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures to limit risk and reserve medical resources for COVID-19 response.

Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater risk to the patient as well as our community.** Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a "Shelter-in-Place" order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned Parenthood's bottom line at the expense of our citizens' health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:12 AM EDT
To: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Clarification of stay at home order

Hello Richard,

Contacting Governor Evers's office directly with your concerns might be the best way to answer to questions. If you are willing to be more specific, Senator Wanggaard might be able to help you as well.

Regards,

Valirie Maxim
Committee Clerk
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Office of Sen. Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Clarification of stay at home order

Senator Wanggaard,
I would be most grateful if you could advise who I can contact to get clarification of a special circumstance that falls outside the current "essential activities" stated in the order.

Thank you
Richard Lewis
5439 Northwestern Ave
Mt Pleasant, WI. 53406
262-417-8457
ralewis@wi.rr.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:37 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Toolkit

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 9:33 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Summarize what it is...WMC-created one stop shop for information for employers, and then link to the brochure.

And we're going to do a new newsletter today. So, mock this up as a second story.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 9:12 AM, Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Funny, I was already trying to figure it out for Facebook.

You want the info, or the entire brochure or a link in the newsletter?

I already sent the newsletter we were working on yesterday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 9:07 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Can you post the first link on Facebook? And put it in the newsletter? Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 8:55:46 AM CDT
To: "scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov" <scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Toolkit

As we find ourselves in a time of great economic uncertainty, many employers and employees find themselves with more questions than answers with respect to COVID-19.

To help employers and workers navigate recent state and federal policy changes related to essential businesses unemployment insurance, paid medical leave, small business loans, etc., WMC has compiled a [COVID-19 Employer Toolkit](#).

The toolkit is intended to be a one-stop location for relevant and up-to-date information about how recent policy changes impact businesses and workers alike, with links to additional informational resources. It also includes a "Frequently Asked Questions" section that addresses some of the most frequent questions we have heard with respect to small business loans and employee benefits.

You are undoubtedly receiving many inquiries from constituents about these issues, and we hope the [toolkit](#) will be a helpful resource to you as you respond. Please feel free to share it with businesses and constituents in your district, and utilize the information for your newsletters or other communications with the people back home.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if we can provide you with additional information.

Stay safe and healthy,

Scott Manley

Executive Vice President of
Government Relations

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wmc.org/coronavirus](http://wmc.org/coronavirus)*

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:15 AM EDT
To: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Hi Rick –

I found what appears to be the FAQ that I had intended to link to embedded on the WEDC site.

https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf

Hope this is helpful.

Van

From: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Thank you! Your updates are most helpful and informative.

Respectfully
Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 8:02 PM, Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thanks for pointing this out, Rick. Apparently Governor Evers took the link down (which is not encouraging). I am sending another newsletter tomorrow, and hopefully will find the newly hidden document by then.

Van

From: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Dear Senator Wanggaard,
The link to the governors “essential business” clarification isn’t working. Can you take a look and reattach?

Thank you
Richard Lewis
5429 Northwestern Ave
Mt Pleasant WI. 53406
262-417-8457

Sent from my iPhone

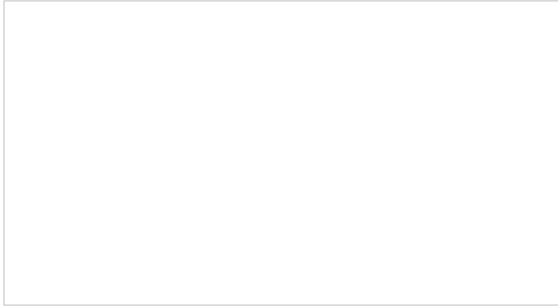
On Apr 2, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Senator Van Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

State Senator Van Wanggaard's eNewsletter 2019

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April 2nd, 2020

White House COVID-19 Update



On Wednesday, I participated in a White House conference call with state and tribal leaders about the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the CARES Act. We heard from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Economic Advisor Larry Kudlow, and officials from the Treasury, Labor, and Homeland Security Departments, among others. I came away impressed at how the many different branches of government have come together to work to help the public during this difficult time.

Connect with Van:

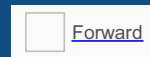
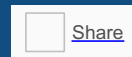


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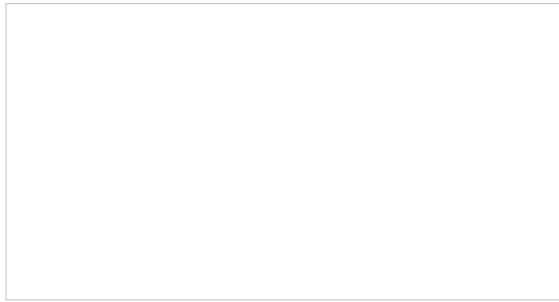
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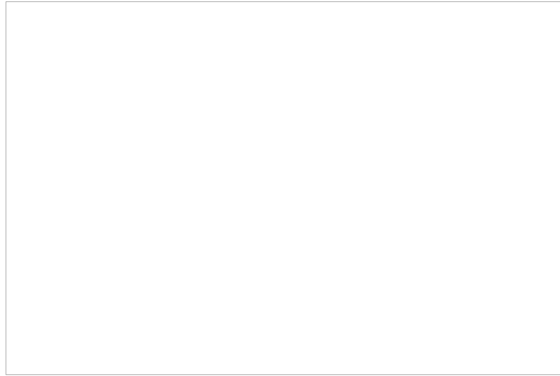


Also on Wednesday, I had a briefing with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) CEO Missy Hughes about small business relief efforts. To learn about their efforts, you can click [here](#).

The 20/20 program which provides loans and grants up to \$20,000 for businesses with 20 employees or less can be found [here](#).

As many of you already know, WEDC is making determinations about what is considered an “essential business.” I have heard from many of you that have been confused about various aspects of the definition of essential businesses. I have contacted both WEDC and Governor Evers’ office on your behalf to keep your businesses open. The Administration has also updated and clarified there essential business order to assist with your questions. [You can read that document here](#).

Unemployment Assistance



Like the rest of the country, Wisconsin is experiencing record levels of unemployment. I know it can be a frustrating and scary time for people. The Department of Workforce Unemployment Division is understandably overwhelmed at the time, but they are ramping up their efforts to meet demand. By the end of this week, they will have more than doubled their staff by transferring people from other divisions. They are attempting to double that number of staff again next week.

As you probably know, the Federal CARES Act contains additional unemployment benefits. Every state is waiting for guidance from the US Department of Labor about these benefits, and when Wisconsin receives that guidance, we will be able to provide those federal benefits.

Apply for unemployment benefits online at: www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/ or by calling 608-266-3131 Please note that phone lines have been very busy due to the current high volume of calls. Phones are shut down at 3:30 every day so that those that get through can get a call back that day. Other phone calls can take up to a week, but they are adding more bodies every day to increase response time.

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:06 PM EDT
To: kelly gronli <kelgro1229@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Delay voting!

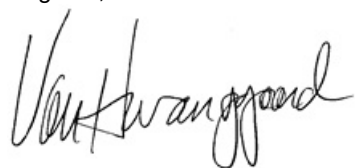
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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

-----Original Message-----

From: kelly gronli <kelgro1229@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay voting!

Hello Senator,
Please do not support mailing out absentee ballots. This will result in massive voter fraud especially since the need for ID will be exempted and we have many names on the voter roll that should have been purged already per law. Please work toward delaying voting until the quarantine is done! That is the only way to ensure all can vote who should be voting.
I appreciate all you do and wish you and your family good health and safety.

Kind regards,
Kelly Gronli
8708 Broadway Dr
Sturtevant 53177
262-498-4427

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michelle Osdene <michelle.osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov> on behalf of Osdene, Michelle
<Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:27 AM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early Child Care Letter Draft

Other than the 2 quotation marks, it looks good to me.

On Apr 9, 2020, at 10:19 AM, Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Can you two proof this for me. Scott already approved the content.

"Dear Name,

Thank you for contacting me about early child care and educational professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

I have heard similar concerns from many constituents and understand the importance of our child care and educational professions, especially during this critical time.

At this time the legislature is exploring all of the ways we can alleviate the economic burden of those impacted the most by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Evers' "safer at home" order. As I partake in these discussions, you can be sure that the well-being of our early child care and education professionals will be at the forefront of my mind.

Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard"

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:14 PM EDT
To: Michael Wimett <michael.wimett@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Election

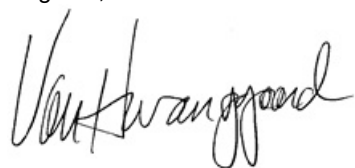
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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Wimett <michael.wimett@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Senator Wanggaard,

I am in favor of postponing the election until April 24th and sending all registered voters a mail in ballot. This gives the state and municipalities plenty of time to get the ballots sent and returned.

These are difficult times for many of the states voting public, especially with the Governor's "Safer at Home" directive. We don't want to leave anyone eligible to vote to be left out of the process.

Sincerely,

Michael Wimett
3800 Kensington Square Rd
Sturtevant, WI 53177
262-758-7535

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 11:00 AM EDT
To: cmcguire1@wi.rr.com <cmcguire1@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Election

Cathleen,

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ease the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition to the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: cmcguire1@wi.rr.com <cmcguire1@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Senator Wanggaard and Representative Vos,

I am one of your constituents and I am writing to you because I am concerned about the up coming election. I feel that not postponing it is a reckless move. The amount of covid-19 is only increasing. There are many people that have not requested a ballot or have no means to get a ballot. This will only push them out to the polls, increasing exposure and death. And do not forget the many people that are ill and should not go out or even send in a ballot they have touched. Please do the right thing and give people more time to figure it out. It is the right thing to do for the safety of us all.

Cathleen McGuire
6651 Lindsay Lane
Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:48 AM EDT
To: Jeff Silbernagel <js112112@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Golf Ban

Thank you for contacting the office with your concerns. Senator Wanggaard has heard similar concerns from many constituents and in fact has asked WEDC and Governor Evers to consider changing the status of courses during the Safer at Home order.

If you would also like to appeal to WEDC directly, you may do so by following this link and filling out the form at the bottom of the page:
www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Silbernagel <js112112@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Golf Ban

Good Afternoon,

I am a big supporter of you. Now I need something. What are you doing to get this ridiculous ban overturned? This is absolutely ridiculous. PLEASE PLEASE do something. Please give me some hope or give me a call I would love to discuss. 414-235-1055. Thanks, Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:29 PM EDT
To: Peggy Kasper <kasper.peggy@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Homebound chronically ill person who can't get the food needed to survive

Peggy,

I am sorry to hear of these troubles you are experiencing trying to find food suitable for you to eat. Thank you for bringing this urgent matter to our attention. As you can imagine, everything is happening very fast right now, and new rules and regulations are changing rapidly. I have shared your story with Wisconsin's Department of Health Services, and the Governor's office, and have asked for any assistance or information they can provide. I will let you know as soon as I hear from them.

Thank you,

Eric S. Barbour
Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Peggy Kasper <kasper.peggy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Homebound chronically ill person who can't get the food needed to survive

Peggy Kasper
26231 Deer Ridge Trail
Waterford, WI 53185
262-894-9973

I am a 62 year old wife with multiple chronic conditions which have severely affected my immune system. My body has been deconditioned to where I can only move about 3 pounds around with limited mobility. I am just starting to be able to drive around my subdivision but it is going to be a long time before I will be strong enough to travel. I have been wearing an N95 mask for 2 years already for when I would go to the Dr's office, which has been about the only times I have left the house due to my condition. I have an extremely limited diet: No dairy, wheat, soy, sugar, artificial ingredients, nothing that is not PH neutral (no tomatoes, citrus, spices). I can only drink certain spring water, our well water and a few teas. Eating in a restaurant is almost impossible. 95% of the food in a grocery store is impossible for me to eat. I have been trying to make drive through orders at Pick & Save and Walmart with no success at getting the food I need to live. My husband is having macular hole surgery on April 1 and also cannot go out of the house for fear of getting it himself which would result in his surgery being canceled causing the possible loss of his vision in that eye. Also if he goes out he might not get the virus but he could bring it home to me which could be deadly in my compromised condition. I have tried ordering the food on line from the various outlets and they just don't have the basics that I need.

Is there a program out there that can help someone in my condition? My husband will not be able to drive for at least 2 weeks after the surgery and I have friends that are looking for these basic items but they are not able to find them either. I have very few friends and family in the immediate area. Most live an hour away or more.

Here's what I am looking for to survive per week:

2 pounds of plain brown rice (not enriched)

1 3pound bag of Gala apples (must be Gala because of the PH)

1 large bag of frozen blueberries (these are the only 2 fruits I can eat)

10 bags of frozen veggies (Broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, peas, carrots, squash with nothing else in the bag, no natural flavoring, preservatives, just plain vegetables)

1 bag baby carrots-I don't have the strength to process large carrots

3 dozen eggs-this is where I get a lot of my protein

These are the items that I am having problems getting. Of course there are the other normal grocery items that my husband needs but we can work around his food needs so much easier. Is there any way to have food items delivered to a home for those of us with special needs? Any help or suggestions as to how to obtain food safely for us for the months ahead would be greatly appreciated. It's going to be a long time before it will be safe for us to venture out even as the world gets back to "normal" due to the risk of my health - I just can't afford to get even a simple head cold. I am severely sensitive to medications which makes my situation even more serious. I am already rationing what I have left here. I will keep trying to place an order online but it does not look hopeful and as of the 1st it will be impossible for me to do a drive through with my husband laying in a face down position for 1-2 weeks while his eye heals.

Thank you for any help/ideas you may have,

Peggy Kasper

PS-I feel for the entire world right now. I know the pain of staying isolated for almost 2 years now. I would not wish this on anyone.

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:59 PM EDT
To: Ty Faust (ty.faust@hjfaust.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Subject: RE: HVACR Contractors Should be Treated as Essential Services

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard regarding the inclusion of HVACR as an essential industry in Wisconsin during the Governor's stay at home order.

Senator Wanggaard is advocating to the Governor and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to include the HVACR Industry during the emergency order.

You should also contact WEDC to personally appeal for the essential industry designation. I've included a link for your information.

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Many legislative changes are being considered to address the current pandemic. One of them is a proposal Senator Wanggaard is working on which would exclude the one week waiting period for Unemployment Benefits during the current emergency. Senator Wanggaard will keep in mind your suggestion of temporarily expanding the UI benefit inclusions.

Some of your concerns may have been addressed by the recent actions of the Federal Government. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcr-employer-paid-leave>

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Wanggaard. Please do so with future legislative questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

-----Original Message-----

From: Ty Faust (ty.faust@hjfaust.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: HVACR Contractors Should be Treated as Essential Services

Dear Sen. Van H. Wanggaard,

As you confront the challenges surrounding the spread of Coronavirus I request that you consider the essential services that HVACR professionals play in maintaining the health of our nation and protecting vulnerable populations against the spread of this disease. Specifically, I ask that you exempt HVACR contractors from mandates that would force contractors to close their businesses or that would require our staff to self isolate.

HVAC contractors are a backbone of the economy, responsible for ensuring modern medicine is possible, ensuring information technology centers are operational, maintaining a fresh supply of food, and providing essential comfort for nearly every hospital, office building, and home in the country. HVACR contractors provide more than comfort, they provide essential services that our economy depends upon and ACCA is the premier trade association representing this pillar of the economy.

HVACR contractors should be considered emergency service providers because they perform necessary, life-saving services on several components of our nation's most critical infrastructure. This includes, but is not limited to, the healthcare industry, the agri-food supply chain, cooling for data and information technology centers, and essential heating, cooling, and refrigeration needs for vulnerable populations.

If our contractors do not have the necessary labor to service the HVACR systems at vital sites like hospitals, labs, pharmacies, grocery stores, and food warehouses, among other places where lives, safety, and economic well-being are all at stake, the consequences could be catastrophic. Imagine a hospital, overwhelmed with patients suffering from the Coronavirus, and the mechanical systems breakdown. Failure to provide ventilation needs and maintain indoor air quality would mean certain death for many.

We also request that you consider measures to support this essential component of the economy as we navigate the rapidly changing circumstances around us. Rather than mandating paid leave for workers, we request that you consider expanding access to unemployment insurance. Mandates to provide paid leave as this time presumes that HVACR contractors have enough liquidity or cash reserves to persevere the economic hardships they could be facing. This year many HVACR contractors are already operating on lines of credit because the mild winter we experienced saw fewer breakdowns of heating equipment, and therefore required less repair or replacement work. Tax credits will not produce sufficient liquidity in time and we fear the government does not have the infrastructure and businesses do not have the administrative resources to access these advances in the time needed to deter business closures.

Rather than mandating paid leave, which could force many small and medium businesses to close, ACCA supports immediate action from the federal government that would encourage states to loosen restrictions on the ability to use unemployment. ACCA also supports state action that would immediately expand unemployment insurance and loosen restrictions on the use of these benefits. The federal government could also provide additional funding to states that may experience shortfalls in their unemployment accounts.

Unlike mandated paid leave, which contractors have not budgeted for, HVACR contractors have budgeted for unemployment insurance and have already paid into those accounts. Considering that unemployment has been at an historic low, those accounts should be well funded, and we believe that would enable HVACR contractors survive some very challenging times.

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Thank you for your efforts to address my concerns. And, thank you for working in a bipartisan fashion to help our country navigate these exceptional times.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ty Faust
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Burlington, WI 53105-2365
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:00 PM EDT
To: Joy Hay <lsewquilts2@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: In light of the global pandemic and in order to allow Wisconsin voters a safe

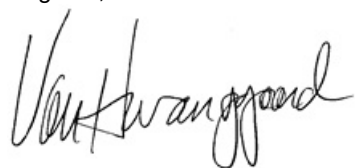
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Van Wanggaard

-----Original Message-----

From: Joy Hay <Joy.Hay.moetk1ui@user.resistbot.email>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: In light of the global pandemic and in order to allow Wisconsin voters a safe

Senator Van H. Wanggaard,

In light of the global pandemic and in order to allow Wisconsin voters a safe and secure means to exercise their Constitutional right to vote in the upcoming April election, you must make this election a mail-in ballot election.

There is still time to make allowances for a mail-in election, by extending the time to request a mail-in ballot, up to and including the April 7th election date. Any request for a mail-in ballot must be honored up to and including April 7th. Ballots must be mailed and received by a later date to insure a just and fair election. I suggest the deadline for receiving a returned, completed ballot be April 14, 2020.

We have a global pandemic happening. It's real. It isn't a time to point fingers at who is to blame or who's at fault. As my state representative, I fully expect you to put the health and well-being of your constituents above and in front of party politics and make these changes happen.

No one — NO ONE — can insure that casting a ballot in person on April 7th will not further the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It WILL spread — and it WILL be carried back to every home of everyone who voted in person. The spread of COVID-19 will go unchecked into the homes with small children, newborns, as well as the elderly, endangering those most vulnerable. And it would happen on your watch, when it could be avoided.

Do the right thing — the moral and ethical thing, and make this upcoming election a mail-in ballot election. Take the higher road, and put your constituents ahead of party politics.

Joy Hay

Constituent from
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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:01 PM EDT
To: salesmanalpine <salesmanalpine@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Jim Boeck. Voting

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Van Wanggaard

From: salesmanalpine <salesmanalpine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Jim Boeck. Voting

Dear Senator Wanggaard -

I am amazed that the primary has not been delayed considering Evers gave a stay at home order I am a voter who likes my right to go vote on site - safely. Not delaying the primary, to me is a democratic political ploy for their benefit.

Also, I don't agree with the RUSD referendum. Thanks to Scott Walker and Senators such as yourself we have given schools a LOT of money over the last 8 years. Will you be putting an editorial in the paper against the referendum ?

I look forward to hearing from you. Hope you and your family are well.

Kindest regards,

Jim Boeck

1012 Oregon Street, Racine. 53405
262 989 3877

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:08 AM EDT
To: BC <hortwork@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Landscape Businesses are Essential

Hello Jeanne,

Thank you for contacting Senator Wanggaard about the landscaping and nursery industry's "non-essential" status during Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" order.

After hearing similar concerns from associations within this industry from his district, Senator Wanggaard has advocated on behalf of these business to the governor's office as well as to WEDC. If you have not already, you should consider contacting WEDC directly as well. Follow this link and scroll to the form at the bottom of the page: <https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwedc.org%2fessentialbusiness%2f&umid=70551f6e-dccf-468b-99fe-549d7f570595&auth=0406e1d689ae1ca55ce83327445d40eb5662e98e-eb775d402216e95356a9b936b0ee0a8f2c06733a>

Thank you again for contacting the office. Best of luck to you during these difficult times.

Regards,

Valirie Maxim
Committee Clerk
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Office of Senator Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: BC <hortwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Landscape Businesses are Essential

Dear Senator Wanggaard and Representative Vos,

We just received an email from Christopher Ruditys, WNLA (Wisconsin Nursery & Landscape Association) Director stating that Governor Evers issued a FAQ that stated that landscape businesses are not considered essential businesses or operations but can perform minimum basic operations. At this time, Wisconsin is the only state I know of that has deemed landscape businesses as non-essential.

As a co-owner of a landscape business, this concerns me since I know that the services my company offers are essential. Who will be mowing lawns in a week or two, or is the grass to grow to such heights it will encourage rodent activity? Landscapes need to be cleaned up NOW to remove dead plant debris that has accumulated over the winter or is it to be left to rot causing future problems, such as harboring plant diseases, emitting odors of decay, etc.?

Prior to learning our business is considered non-essential, we had notified our customers that we will contact them prior to arriving at their property and will not be knocking on their doors to let them know we are there. Landscape work can easily be performed without having an in-person face-to-face conversation with the customer. Social distancing is easily done when working outdoors.

I don't understand how liquor stores and other personal interaction type businesses are considered "essential" when landscape business are not. My hope is that you agree with me and will advocate on behalf of all landscapers in Wisconsin to be deemed essential during these times of uncertainty.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Christensen

Horticultural Handiwork Inc.
2941 N. River Rd,
Waterford, WI 53185
262-514-3890

From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:23 AM EDT
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Link for Today's newsletter

Yep

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:16 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf

This link was included in yesterday's newsletter but the Gov moved it. Can you post it again in today's newsletter?

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:33 PM EDT
To: Scott Molitor <molitorscott@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Open Golf Courses

Thank you for contacting the office with your concerns. Senator Wanggaard has heard similar concerns from many constituents and in fact has asked WEDC and Governor Evers to consider changing the status of courses during the Safer at Home order.

If you would also like to appeal to WEDC directly, you may do so by following this link and filling out the form at the bottom of the page: www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Scott Molitor <molitorscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Golf Courses

Hello,

During this covid-19 pandemic, it doesn't make sense that golf courses are closed while public parks are open. A number of changes have been implemented at golf courses to insure safety:

- Payments made electronically
- Club houses remain closed
- Flag sticks are not used
- Holes are placed two inches above the ground so no one touches a hole
- Golf carts and pull carts rented through the course are not used
- Golfers stay at least 6 feet from one another

Golf is healthy for people both physically and mentally. Please work to open golf courses as soon as possible.

Currently, over 63,000 people have signed the petition to "Let Wisconsin Golf" on change.org. You can find this petition at:

<https://www.change.org/p/tony-evers-let-wisconsin-golf>

Thank you!

Scott Molitor

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:01 PM EDT
To: Kathy Ehrhart <j2k2farm.mom@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please postpone the election

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Kathy Ehrhart <j2k2farm.mom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Please postpone the election

I just received an email asking for my phone number in addition to my address.
I do not need a phone call, unless that is more convenient for you, but my number is: 262-206-6861.

Thank you again for your time, attention, and efforts!

Kathy Ehrhart

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 11:05 AM Kathy Ehrhart <j2k2farm.mom@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning,

I have never personally reached out to you before, but I need to voice my concerns on this matter. It may be too late, and my voice may not matter much, but I have to try. I appreciate your efforts.

I am frustrated that our Governor has not postponed the April 7 elections. Our state is virtually "shut down," and we are told to be "safer at home," but yet, we want all citizens to vote next week. It just doesn't make sense.

Since I resigned from teaching three years ago, to help on our family farm, I have helped at every election at the Town of Dover polls. I know that each and every ballot, whether in person or absentee, must be processed by humans. I have been informed about the precautions the Town of Dover will put into place for us poll workers this spring, but I am not convinced that we are not asking poll workers across the state to put their own health - and the health of their families whom they will return home to - at risk. I will take the risk, if needed, because some of our older poll workers need to refrain from helping this time. My mom, who has helped at the Town of Norway for years, has decided it is too risky this spring, and I know others at both her polls and ours have decided the same. This is going to leave some workers serving longer shifts, and I would imagine that some polls across the state will be generally short-staffed.

Beyond the poll workers are the voters. I know voters were encouraged to vote electronically or absentee, but I also know that many of our oldest citizens will not vote this way. They come out in any kind of weather, despite their physical limitations, to vote every time. They feel it is their right and responsibility, and they are proud to vote ON ELECTION DAY. Some do not have the ability or technology to vote early, but even if they did, they want to be there on election day, no matter what. I have seen it every time I work, even when there is only one position on the ballot.

I do not agree with how early Milwaukee and Madison started voting, not even under normal circumstances. There is an election

DAY for a reason. This year, their early voting could really sway the results, because since then, most of us have sheltered at home for the most part. My sister and several friends work in healthcare. I am hearing that our local healthcare workers predict a spike in cases in the next two weeks. Whether people are sick, or people are hearing this so decided to stay home, this pandemic will certainly reduce our voter turn-out on Election Day. With all those early votes - especially in well-known Democratic areas - how can the results be fair?

I don't know if it's too late. I have been hearing that Republicans are trying to convince Mr. Evers, but I have to believe his political motivations are out-weighing his logical thinking. I appreciate your efforts to keep trying, if you are able to at this point.

Thank you, on behalf of voters and poll workers in our state!

Kathy Ehrhart
225 S Britton Rd
Union Grove, WI 53182

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:25 PM EDT
To: Joe & Ellie Gressick <jnegress@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: PLEASE Postpone the Spring Election and SAVE LIVES

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Van Wanggaard

From: Joe & Ellie Gressick <jnegress@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:57 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: PLEASE Postpone the Spring Election and SAVE LIVES

Not postponing this Spring election is acting as if there is no pandemic. All the experts say that there are 10 times the number of confirmed cases in the country. It is an extremely contagious virus that is easily passed through airborne contact in close quarters. If this election is held, in two to four weeks, we will be right behind NY in the number of cases. Please save lives and postpone this election until it is safe.

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:00 PM EDT
To: Crawford, Terri (Ron Johnson) <terri_crawford@ronjohnson.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Please reach out and assist

Thank you Terri,

Peggy emailed Senator Wanggaard's office this morning as well. We have reached out to her, and are looking into all options available to her.

Thanks again,

Eric S. Barbour
Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Crawford, Terri (Ron Johnson) <terri_crawford@ronjohnson.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please reach out and assist
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Senator Johnson's office has been contacted by a constituent who is seeking immediate assistance that our office cannot provide. Would you kindly reach out to Peggy and help her and her husband find the assistance that they need?

Peggy Kasper 26231 Deer Ridge Trail Waterford, WI 53185 262-894-9973 I am a 62 year old wife with multiple chronic conditions which have severely affected my immune system. My body has been deconditioned to where I can only move about 3 pounds around with limited mobility. I am just starting to be able to drive around my subdivision but it is going to be a long time before I will be strong enough to travel. I have been wearing an N95 mask for 2 years already for when I would go to the Dr's office, which has been about the only times I have left the house due to my condition. I have an extremely limited diet: No dairy, wheat, soy, sugar, artificial ingredients, nothing that is not PH neutral (no tomatoes, citrus, spices). I can only drink certain spring water, our well water and a few teas. Eating in a restaurant is almost impossible. 95% of the food in a grocery store is impossible for me to eat. I have been trying to make drive through orders at Pick & Save and Walmart with no success at getting the food I need to live.

My husband is having macular hole surgery on April 1 and also cannot go out of the house for fear of getting it himself which would result in his surgery being canceled causing the possible loss of his vision in that eye. Also if he goes out he might not get the virus but he could bring it home to me which could be deadly in my compromised condition. I have tried ordering the food on line from the various outlets and they just don't have the basics that I need. Is there a program out there that can help someone in my condition? My husband will not be able to drive for at least 2 weeks after the surgery and I have friends that are looking for these basic items but they are not able to find them either. I have very few friends and family in the immediate area. Most live an hour away or more.

Here's what I am looking for to survive per week: 2 pounds of plain brown rice (not enriched) 1 3pound bag of Gala apples (must be Gala because of the PH) 1 large bag of frozen blueberries (these are the only 2 fruits I can eat) 10 bags of frozen veggies (Broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, peas, carrots, squash with nothing else in the bag, no natural flavoring, preservatives, just plain vegetables) 1 bag baby carrots-I don't have the strength to process large carrots 3 dozen eggs-this is where I get a lot of my protein These are the items that I am having problems getting. Of course there are the other normal grocery items that my husband needs but we can work around his food needs so much easier. Is there any way to have food items delivered to a home for those of us with special needs? Any help or suggestions as to how to obtain food safely for us for the months ahead would be greatly appreciated. It's going to be a long time before it will be safe for us to venture out even as the world gets back to "normal" due to the risk of my health – I just can't afford to get even a simple head cold. I am severely sensitive to medications which makes my situation even more serious. I am already rationing what I have left here. I will keep trying to place an order online but it does not look hopeful and as of the 1st it will be impossible for me to do a drive through with my husband laying in a face down position for 1-2 weeks while his eye heals.

Thank you for any help/ideas you may have, Peggy Kasper PS-I feel for the entire world right now. I know the pain of staying isolated for almost 2 years now. I would not wish this on anyone

Peggy Kasper
kasper.peggy@gmail.com
26231 Deer Ridge Trail
Waterford, Wisconsin 53185-4755 WI01

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(262) 894-9973

Thank you,

Terri Crawford

Constituent Services Director

United States Senator Ron Johnson (WI)

Chairman, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

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Terri_crawford@ronjohnson.senate.gov

From: Sen. Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:17 PM EDT
To: Amanda Nedweski <anedweski@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Please Support Postponement of the April 7th Primary Election

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Amanda Nedweski <anedweski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Rep. Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen. Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rongstad, Tami <Tami.Rongstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Support Postponement of the April 7th Primary Election

Rep. Kerkman and Sen. Wanggaard,

For the safety of everyone and for the sake of fairness and legitimacy, I vehemently oppose holding the Wisconsin primary election in-person or by mail as scheduled for April 7, 2020. For state leadership to close businesses and drive people further into fear and desperation during the COVID-19 with a "safer at home" order, and then flippantly move forward with an in-person vote during the term of that order cries loudly of either false concern about the spread of the virus or corrupt intents in manipulating election results.

The State is grossly unprepared to execute a fair mail-in vote. Too high a portion of voters would not be aware of or have access to the appropriate channels to cast a vote, and the potential for fraud is beyond excessive.

Do what is right. If Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island can do it, so can Wisconsin. Please urge the Legislature to take action to postpone the April 7th election for the consideration and safety of all voters and the people with whom they must interact.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this email with a response.

Amanda Nedweski
3814 - 114th Place
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
Ph. 262-496-1223
anedweski@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:31 PM EDT
To: Randy M. Blindauer <rmbblindauer@charter.net>
Subject: RE: Repeal of waiting week for Unemployment insurance

Thank you for contacting me about repealing the one-week waiting period before collecting unemployment benefits. I appreciate you reaching out about this subject.

I support suspending the one-week waiting period during the COVID-19 pandemic and have drafted a bill to do just that. The massive layoffs we are seeing during this time, along with government forcing businesses to close and causing unemployment, calls for easing the rules. I am hopeful that this bill will pass when the Legislature reconvenes. In addition, I was pleased to see the work search requirement waived during the emergency.

It is important to note, however, that the one-week waiting period does have legitimate purposes. This waiting period was put in place to add stability to the Unemployment Fund following the Great Recession of 2008-10. Many employers were using the Unemployment Fund to support their workers during annual choices to shut operations during the year (for example, during deer hunting season or holidays.) Thanks to this, and other reforms to unemployment, Wisconsin's fund was able to recover from the Great Recession faster than many other states. Therefore, I do not support a full repeal of the waiting period.

Again, thank you for reaching out about easing the unemployment rules during this pandemic.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard
State Senator
21st District

From: Randy M. Blindauer <rmbblindauer@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Ringhand <Sen.Ringhand@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Risser <Sen.Risser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Schachtner <Sen.Schachtner@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Shilling <Sen.Shilling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Smith <Sen.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Taylor <Sen.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Repeal of waiting week for Unemployment insurance

Hello,

As an employed Wisconsin resident soon to be furloughed, I write to you in concern regarding the need to repeal the one week waiting period to claim UI and ask for your efforts and cooperation to repeal and eliminate the one week waiting period.

As we, the state of Wisconsin, its residents, employees and employers deal with this devastating Coronavirus, the employers will need as much flexibility to adjust and acclimate to the business needs as we try to recover. As such, all are looking for the best approach to address the customer needs and appropriate service levels. As such, some employers are looking to implement one-week furloughs, alternating every other week or one week every 2-3 weeks. As such, the one week waiting period will have a devastating impact on ones' ability to make mortgage payments, car payments and other personal loans on time. Eliminating the one week waiting period will help greatly avoid an increase in foreclosures, repossessions and bad credit ratings.

Please support and expedite the current draft legislation to repeal the one week wait, at least for 2020-2021.

I do sincerely appreciate your consideration!!

Thanks for your efforts - be safe and stay healthy!

Randy Blindauer
920-254-0362

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:58 PM EDT
To: Victoria Rognholt <vrognholt@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Victoria Rognholt <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

I recognize the grave circumstances facing Wisconsin during the COVID-19 outbreak, and fully appreciate the work state and local officials have undertaken to protect the public from this pandemic.

However, as the April 7 primaries draw closer, and as state officials respond to protect the health and safety of Wisconsin residents, we cannot sacrifice free and fair elections. We MUST do everything in our power to preserve them. I'm asking you today to immediately:

- Mail every WI voter a ballot.
- Waive the rule to have a witness signature on absentee voting, especially since voters may need to self-quarantine.
- Extend the deadline for absentee ballots to be submitted.

This is an unprecedented situation. And it calls for election officials and legislative leaders to respond with a plan that works for all voters... particularly those who have long faced barriers to the ballot, including African Americans, low-income voters, voters with disabilities, and students.

I'm counting on your support right now. Thank you in advance for ensuring our democracy works for every single American.
Sincerely, Victoria Rognholt

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:13 PM EDT
To: queensexton@gmail.com <queensexton@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Thank you for contacting me about repealing the one-week waiting period before collecting unemployment benefits. I appreciate you reaching out about this subject.

I support suspending the one-week waiting period during the COVID-19 pandemic and have drafted a bill to do just that. The massive layoffs we are seeing during this time, along with government forcing businesses to close and causing unemployment, calls for easing the rules. I am hopeful that this bill will pass when the Legislature reconvenes. In addition, I was pleased to see the work search requirement waived during the emergency.

It is important to note, however, that the one-week waiting period does have legitimate purposes. This waiting period was put in place to add to stability to the Unemployment Fund following the Great Recession of 2008-10. Many employers were using the Unemployment Fund to support their workers during annual choices to shut operations during the year (for example, during deer hunting season or holidays.) Thanks to this, and other reforms to unemployment, Wisconsin's fund was able to recover from the Great Recession faster than many other states. Therefore, I do not support a full repeal of the waiting period.

Again, thank you for reaching out about easing the unemployment rules during this pandemic. Please feel free to reach out again in the future if you have questions on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard
State Senator
21st District

From: Terri Sexton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Benefits: Repeal the waiting period

Van H. Wanggaard,

Repeal the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This action will make a difference for working families who are suddenly and unexpectedly facing job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working families need bold support from our leaders as we together face economic insecurity and health and safety danger amid the coronavirus public health emergency.

The Wisconsin Legislature must come together immediately to repeal the one-week unemployment insurance benefit waiting period.

Terri Sexton
queensexton@gmail.com
4823 Schoen rd
Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:04 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment issue Mr. Elvio Said

Hello again,

Senator Wanggaard has been contacted by Sen. Johnson's office regarding Mr. Elvio. Can someone please assist Mr. Elvio with unemployment concerns? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Cronin, Maggie (Ron Johnson) <Maggie_Cronin@ronjohnson.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment issue Mr. Elvio Said

Good Evening,

This Constituent reached out to our office with a general request to return his call. I called Mr. Elvio Said.

He is having ZERO luck getting through to unemployment. He is locked out of the system and has tried repeatedly to call and can't get through since having trouble on Friday. If he could get unlocked, perhaps he could complete the process.

He is at the end of his rope trying to get anyone to return his calls.

As his State Senator and State Representative, could you please look into the situation and reach out to Mr. Said? I know you are all inundated with requests, and I appreciate any help you can offer to Mr. Said.

Updated Contact Info:
Elvio Said
2205 Savoy CIR, Racine, WI 53404
Cell phone: 262-417-6281
Landline: 262-898-0635
Email: elvioco@hotmail.com

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Stay Safe!

Springtime Regards,
Maggie Cronin
Regional Director
US Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)
Cell: 920-573-8894
Oshkosh Office:
219 East Washington Avenue
Suite 100
Oshkosh, WI 54901

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:04 PM EDT
To: toslek@att.net <toslek@att.net>
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: G Toslek <toslek@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Van H. Wanggaard,

We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:

- Automatically mail every registered voter an absentee ballot
- Count all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day
- Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots

In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.

We need the state legislature to act now.

G Toslek
toslek@att.net
2711 Cardinal Dr
RACINE, Wisconsin 53402

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:26 PM EDT
To: william.podgorski@siemens.com <william.podgorski@siemens.com>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Election on April 7th

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Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: william.podgorski@siemens.com <william.podgorski@siemens.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Election on April 7th

262.237.7420

From: Podgorski, William (SI BP AM SRA RA)
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: Wisconsin Election on April 7th

Hello Senator Wanggaard –

Please do whatever you can and work with your colleagues and Governor Evers to get the state election postponed to a later and safer date.

This is insane to have our election during this pandemic.

As my representative, I need you to step up and voice your concerns and stop this from happening.

Thank you,
Will Podgorski

6320 94th Avenue
Kenosha WI 53142

From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:27 PM EDT

BCC: kwapi003@gmail.com <kwapi003@gmail.com>; lokieffer@gmail.com <lokieffer@gmail.com>; lcwinggreen@gmail.com <lcwinggreen@gmail.com>; ashly06@yahoo.com <ashly06@yahoo.com>; marianne@christchurchchildcare.com <marianne@christchurchchildcare.com>; Heidiann815@gmail.com <Heidiann815@gmail.com>; atifarobinson@yahoo.com <atifarobinson@yahoo.com>; mrs.popiolek@yahoo.com <mrs.popiolek@yahoo.com>; momneau@aol.com <momneau@aol.com>; nicja1705@yahoo.com <nicja1705@yahoo.com>; l_waters@hotmail.com <l_waters@hotmail.com>; hawkinsd7@mail.gtc.edu <hawkinsd7@mail.gtc.edu>; brieannafmclain@icloud.com <brieannafmclain@icloud.com>; plymouthchildren@sbcglobal.net <plymouthchildren@sbcglobal.net>; pricesel1@yahoo.com <pricesel1@yahoo.com>; elizolley999@gmail.com <elizolley999@gmail.com>; lindsey.edgerle@gmail.com <lindsey.edgerle@gmail.com>; ydunate@sbcglobal.net <ydunate@sbcglobal.net>; kresco.kckenosha@gmail.com <kresco.kckenosha@gmail.com>; nstemen5@gmail.com <nstemen5@gmail.com>; christinklein@yahoo.com <christinklein@yahoo.com>; aimeekatterhagen@yahoo.com <aimeekatterhagen@yahoo.com>; penguinpals0909@gmail.com <penguinpals0909@gmail.com>; lwhite0043@outlook.com <lwhite0043@outlook.com>; cirilaconejo@yahoo.com <cirilaconejo@yahoo.com>; crivera1214@gmail.com <crivera1214@gmail.com>; giolupogrigio@gmail.com <giolupogrigio@gmail.com>; amora@acelero.net <amora@acelero.net>; Heart_of_gold_1992@yahoo.com <Heart_of_gold_1992@yahoo.com>; kumm0001@outlook.com <kumm0001@outlook.com>; debbiementing61@gmail.com <debbiementing61@gmail.com>; homestead@tds.net <homestead@tds.net>; pap92011@hotmail.com <pap92011@hotmail.com>; director@discovery-daysfranklin.com <director@discovery-daysfranklin.com>; pleasantprairiewi@goddardschools.com <pleasantprairiewi@goddardschools.com>; angelamnry@yahoo.com <angelamnry@yahoo.com>; kkiana79@gmail.com <kkiana79@gmail.com>; dynamitespecialties@gmail.com <dynamitespecialties@gmail.com>; ndelas83@gmail.com <ndelas83@gmail.com>

Subject: Support for Early Child Care and Educational Professionals

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting me about early child care and educational professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

I have heard similar concerns from many constituents and understand the importance of our child care and educational professions, especially during this critical time.

At this time the my legislative colleagues and I are exploring all of the ways we can alleviate the economic burden of those impacted most by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Evers' safer at home order. As I partake in these discussions, you can be sure that the well-being of our early child care and education professionals will be at the forefront of my mind. I am hopeful that the legislature will convene, and have a bill on the Governor's desk, ready to be signed, by the end of next week.

Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard

From: Sen.Wanggaard

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:48 AM EDT

To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

CC: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Urgent Constituent Concern

Attachment(s): "Homebound chronically ill person who can't get the food needed to survive.msg"

Lisa,

We have what appears to be a fairly time sensitive issue with a constituent. I have attached the email as well as copied it below. To summarize, Peggy Kasper is a 62 year old with multiple chronic conditions that have severely weakened her immune system. She has a very limited diet (no dairy, wheat, sugar, artificial ingredients, among other things) and has been unable to find a grocery store that has the food necessary for her survival.

I am wondering if there are any programs you are aware of that may be able to help this woman.

Thank you for all of your hard work during this time,

Eric S. Barbour

Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard

21st Senate District

(608) 266-1832

From: Peggy Kasper, Kasper.peggy@gmail.com

"I am a 62 year old wife with multiple chronic conditions which have severely affected my immune system. My body has been deconditioned to where I can only move about 3 pounds around with limited mobility. I am just starting to be able to drive around my subdivision but it is going to be a long time before I will be strong enough to travel. I have been wearing an N95 mask for 2 years already for when I would go to the Dr's office, which has been about the only times I have left the house due to my condition. I have an extremely limited diet: No dairy, wheat, soy, sugar, artificial ingredients, nothing that is not PH neutral (no tomatoes, citrus, spices). I can only drink certain spring water, our well water and a few teas. Eating in a restaurant is almost impossible. 95% of the food in a grocery store is impossible for me to eat. I have been trying to make drive through orders at Pick & Save and Walmart with no success at getting the food I need to live. My husband is having macular hole surgery on April 1 and also cannot go out of the house for fear of getting it himself which would result in his surgery being canceled causing the possible loss of his vision in that eye. Also if he goes out he might not get the virus but he could bring it home to me which could be deadly in my compromised condition. I have tried ordering the food on line from the various outlets and they just don't have the basics that I need.

Is there a program out there that can help someone in my condition? My husband will not be able to drive for at least 2 weeks after the surgery and I have friends that are looking for these basic items but they are not able to find them either. I have very few friends and family in the immediate area. Most live an hour away or more.

Here's what I am looking for to survive per week:

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1 bag baby carrots-I don't have the strength to process large carrots

3 dozen eggs-this is where I get a lot of my protein

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Thank you for any help/ideas you may have,

Peggy Kasper

PS-I feel for the entire world right now. I know the pain of staying isolated for almost 2 years now. I would not wish this on anyone L"

From: Peggy Kasper <kasper.peggy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:18 AM EDT
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Homebound chronically ill person who can't get the food needed to survive

Peggy Kasper

26231 Deer Ridge Trail

Waterford, WI 53185

262-894-9973

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:34 PM EDT
To: Hanaman, Cathlene <Cathlene.Hanaman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 891.453 (2)(a)

Hi Cathlene –

I hope you're healthy during this time.

I'm not sure if you are the correct drafter for this, but I'm sure you can route my request if not.

Van would like 2 bills drafts amending 891.453(2a).

Draft #1 would add “,or any infectious disease for which a public health emergency is declared pursuant to s. 323.02(16).” to the end of 891.453(2)(a).

Draft #2 would add “COVID-19” or “SARS-CoV-2” or whatever the specific disease is we're in the middle of right now, to the list of diseases in 891.453(2)(a).

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
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scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:19 AM EDT
To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Legislative Briefing

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:24 PM EDT
To: jtrick@rcedc.org <jtrick@rcedc.org>
CC: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Additional Guidance

Hi Jenny –

The Governor's office tells me that they won't have any definition of essential until tomorrow.

Presented without comment – which is a comment in and of itself.

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:34 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Another UI

Clive Siefert, 2051 Marquette Street, Racine 53402
262-331-3575

Hasn't gotten through this week, last week, they said they couldn't "find him" in the system

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 5:26 PM EDT
To: Knepp, Fern
Subject: Bill Draft request

Hi Fern –

Van would like a bill drafted requiring school districts to fulfill their contract obligations to vendors during their public health emergency. (For example, despite not needing bus services, they must still pay the school bus company.)

Obviously, the turnaround is ASAP.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:31 PM EDT

To: Joe Strohl <jstrohl@pffw.org>; Jim Palmer Cell <palmer@wppa.com>; Mahlon Mitchell <mahlonmitchell@gmail.com>

Subject: Bill Drafts

Attachment(s): "19-6019_P1.pdf", "19-6018_P1.pdf"

Hi All-

Here are two versions of the bill.

I assume you'd prefer 6018 (any infectious disease) over 6019 (SARS-CoV2). But I suspect we're going with 6019. With the shortage of PPE, and the known fact that first responders don't have much access to PPE, I think that's our best bet.

I'll keep you posted.

Scott

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Senator Van Wanggaard

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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2 diseases for purposes of a presumption of employment-connected disease.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law contains a presumption for correctional officers, emergency medical service providers, fire fighters, or law enforcement officers that if the person showed no evidence of an infectious disease in a medical examination prior to employment in his or her role, but becomes disabled or dies because of the disease, the employment is presumed to have caused the disease for purposes of collecting disability or death benefits or certain retirement benefits. Under current law, for the purposes of this presumption, “infectious disease” is defined to include the human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, diphtheria, meningococcal meningitis, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, and severe acute respiratory syndrome. This bill adds to this list of infectious diseases any infectious disease for which a public health emergency is declared by the Wisconsin governor.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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(END)

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:39 PM EDT
To: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill drafts
Attachment(s): "19-6019_P1.pdf","19-6018_P1.pdf"

Hi Dan –

Here are the bill drafts I texted you about last night. It creates a presumption for Law enforcement, correctional officers, EMTs and firefighters for duty disability and death benefits. With the lack of PPE for first responders it seems appropriate.

LRB 19-6018 is broader to incorporate future infectious disease public health emergencies, LRB 6019 is specific to SARS-CoV2. I lean towards 6019 because it is specific, but I see the benefit of 6018 so we don't always have to revisit this.

I don't think we're going to circulate it, because we can't introduce it, but I wanted it on your radar. Please share with Fitz when developing a bill.

Thanks

Scott

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(END)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:11 PM EDT
To: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bus drivers
Attachment(s): "19-6091_P2.pdf"

Here's the draft – it's broader than bus drivers to include all vendors (because how do you say pay bus drivers, but not farmers and teachers?) I've also got a draft that excludes the teachers.

I know Bernier fully supports and Devin and Dale are hearing about this too.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring school boards to make payments to vendors during
2 the public health emergency.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

While schools are closed by the Department of Health Services during the 2019-20 school year, this bill requires a school board to pay a vendor that had a contract with the school board on March 18, 2020, regardless of whether the vendor provides the goods or services required under the contract. This requirement applies only if the school board does not need or want the goods or services because schools are closed or the vendor is unable to provide the goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared by the governor on March 12, 2020. Under the bill, a vendor is any person who provides goods or services to the school board under a contract, including any individual who provides services to a school board under an employment contract.

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3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) VENDOR CONTRACTS; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

1 (a) In this subsection:

2 1. "Public health emergency" means the period during the 2019-20 school year
3 when schools are closed by the department of health services under s. 252.02 (3).

4 2. "Vendor" means a person providing goods or services to a school board under
5 chs. 115 to 121. "Vendor" includes a person providing services under an employment
6 contract with a school board.

7 (b) During the public health emergency, a school board shall pay a vendor, as
8 required under a contract with a vendor, regardless of whether the vendor provides
9 the goods or services required under the contract, if all of the following apply:

10 1. The contract between the school board and the vendor was in effect on March
11 18, 2020, and neither party was in default on that date.

12 2. The school board does not need or want the goods or services because schools
13 are closed during the public health emergency or the vendor is unable to provide the
14 goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared on March
15 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

16 (END)

From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:27 PM EDT

To: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ottman, Tad <Tad.Ottman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Couple of things

Hi Guys –

After the call I heard from Van –

First, he agrees with Steve about the JFC thing.

Next on the MA waivers. He's concerned about one on page 11. "Waiving life safety codes...." (It's about ½ way down the page).

I think it's mainly poorly written. It looks to me like it's waiving fire alarm maintenance and testing, automatic sprinkler and standpipe inspection, testing and maintenance, and inspection of maintenance of portable fire extinguishers, not "life safety codes". If that's the case, then he's fine except for fire alarm and sprinkler testing (and maintenance if required by test). I don't know how the sprinkler tests work, but a fire alarm going off once a month shouldn't be a hindrance to anybody. But he'd like to NOT have it read "Waive Life Safety Codes.

That's what I got so far...I'll let you know when I have more.

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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:29 AM EDT

To: nadya.perezreyes@wisconsin.gov <nadya.perezreyes@wisconsin.gov>

CC: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: COVID Case at Goddaard School

Hi Nadya –

The Goddard school in Pleasant Prairie has had a parent diagnosed with COVID-19. This parent and her child were on property on Friday (and presumably prior).

The Goddard School is closed today, but don't know:

- A) If they HAVE to close,
- B) How long they HAVE to close or Should Close
- C) What information, if any, they can share with their clients.

The Kenosha County Health Department is apparently zero help to them.

Any guidance is appreciated.

Thanks

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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:03 PM EDT

To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: election changes letter.docx

Attachment(s): "election changes letter.docx"

Can you guys read this and proof/edit?

Thanks

Scott

Dear Name,

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to is the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

I also do not think it is necessary to change the deadlines for absentee balloting. The current deadlines provide plenty of time for returning ballots, and if a ballot is not returned on time, in person voting is still possible on election day. I am open to different methods of tabulating absentee ballots, and it is possible some changes may be made on that subject in the future.

I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:01 PM EDT
To: mike@questproductsinc.com <mike@questproductsinc.com>
Subject: Emergency Order

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

Hi Mike –

The link above will provide you with Emergency Order #12. Under my reading of Section 8 of Emergency Order 12, you appear to qualify as an essential business and therefore can stay open. Please do not take this as legal advice, but just a plan reading.

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No documentation is required that I am aware of at this time. That being said, it may be a good idea for you to have something on your letterhead for employees, distributors, suppliers, etc. stating that the person is working for Quest Products, which is allowed to operate and stay open under Section 8 of Emergency Order #12.

If you have any questions, WEDC has answers (in theory). Their website has been crashing, but it is wedc.org/essentialbusiness.

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:51 AM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: EO

Just a few minutes ago, the Governor released his "Shelter in Place" order. [You can read it here.](#)

If AFTER READING you still have questions about whether your business or employer is deemed "essential" or you wish your business to be deemed essential, [please go to WEDC for more information](#). They will be reviewing employers on a case-by-case basis. As we get more information, I will share it.

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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:49 AM EDT

To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>

CC: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Essential businesses

I have requests from two businesses that they be deemed "Essential." One is a medical product manufacturer for Over the Counter products.

The other is a sign business, which got an exemption in Pennsylvania.

Who can I talk to about this?

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:35 PM EDT

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CC: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Essential Businesses

As you look to define essential business PLEASE include

Manufacturers who supply the medical field (all tiers)

Greenhouses (I will note many other states have exempted greenhouses)

Thanks

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:40 PM EDT
To: jmurray@wra.org <jmurray@wra.org>
Subject: Evictions/Rent

Hi Joe –

As I'm sure you're aware, The Governor has stopped all evictions for 60 days effective March 27.

Predictably, this is resulting in tenants saying they aren't going to pay rent to landlords because they can't be evicted.

Any suggestions beyond threatening a 5 day notice once the 60 days expires?

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:07 PM EDT
To: dan.jarrett@rusd.org <dan.jarrett@rusd.org>
Subject: Executive Order

Hi Dan –

Here's the emergency order covering evictions. As I noted on the call, #11 specifically says that the obligation to pay rent, etc. is NOT waived.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/27/file_attachments/1412941/EO%2015%20Ban%20on%20Evictions%20and%20Foreclosures%20PDF.pdf

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:15 AM EDT
To: mikeottlein@gmail.com <mikeottlein@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: 24 Wanggaard RK
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:58 AM
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TO: Senator Van Wanggaard
Room 313 South, State Capitol

FROM: Russ Kava, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Levy Considerations of Proposed RUSD Referendum

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The total levy for RUSD in 2019-20 was nearly \$93.5 million. With an equalized value of nearly \$9.85 billion, the gross levy rate for the District was 9.49 mills. Based on information from the District, RUSD has identified a subset of this overall levy that it will place a separate Board limit on for the duration of the referendum. This subset is made up of three components: (a) \$6.5 million from debt service payments related to projects funded from the revenue limit adjustment for energy efficiency projects; (b) \$8.5 million from a nonrecurring operating referendum passed in November of 2014; and (c) \$7.7 million from debt service payments for an aquatic center funded from the community service levy outside of revenue limits. This subset totaled \$22.7 million in 2019-20, resulting a gross levy rate of 2.31 mills.

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\$600,000 from 2028-2029 until payments end after 2036-37. The \$8.5 million nonrecurring referendum ends after the 2028-29 school year. The debt service payments for the aquatic center are estimated to decrease to approximately \$1.6 million beginning in 2020-21, stay at the level or below until 2025-26, and increase for the next three years until ending in 2028-29.

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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:07 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: CARES Act Summary
Attachment(s): "4.1.20 Federal CARES Act.docx","CARES Act money to WI.xlsx"

From: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hienz, Peter <Peter.Hienz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Williams, Vincent <Vincent.Williams@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CARES Act Summary

The magical Peter Hienz summarized the LFB Memo on the CARES Act for us yesterday – and Sen. Marklein asked me to share it with the caucus before our afternoon caucus call. Could you please pass this along to your bosses?

Please note – this is a first draft – and is subject to change as LFB clarifies some things and/or the Federal government provides more guidance. There are a number of unknowns relative to state matches and requirements to receive funding.

Feel free to reach out to Peter if you have any questions.

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This document summarizes the money that is coming to the state from the CARES Act. All of the information in this document is from the LFB memo on the CARES Act released 4/1/2020 or from subsequent conversations with LFB for clarification. As LFB stated, this is not a comprehensive list of all pieces of the CARES Act.

Since much of this information is still new and guidance is changing daily, a variety of provisions may change or become clearer in the coming days.

Any money directed to local governments or entities is also noted.

Action the state needs to take/may have to take is highlighted in yellow. Potential matching fund requirements are also highlighted in yellow.

This summary does not include the enhanced FMAP provisions from the Families First Coronavirus Act.

DOA

1. \$16.1 million for Community Development Block Grants
 - Support activities such as home ownership assistance, public facilities improvements, and economic development
 - Additional \$21.2 million directly to local units of government
2. \$25.4 million for Emergency Solutions Grants
 - Support homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, street outreach, emergency shelter, and data collection
 - Additional \$11.9 million directly to local units of government
 - \$2 billion given to HUD Secretary to distribute to states and local governments at his discretion in addition to \$25.4 million
3. \$238,000 for housing opportunities for people with AIDS
4. \$8 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - Used to support costs associated with home energy bills and weatherization.

-In general, these programs require a state match. However, it is unknown if these funds will be subject to the state match requirement – LFB confirms this as of 10:00am on 4/2/2020 (Waiting for guidance from HUD on match requirements)

DCF

1. \$51.3 million for the Child Care and Development Block Grant ("Wisconsin Shares")
 - No amendments to current plan are required. Payments may be obligated in current federal fiscal year or the next two fiscal years.
 - WI receives federal funding of \$126.9 million annually for the program
 - New funding must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID 19
 - Provide child care assistance to children of "essential" workers

- Must be used to supplement general revenue funds and cannot be used to supplant state funding for current programs.

- New funding may be used to provide continued payments and assistance to child care providers and to assure providers are able to remain open or reopen as appropriate.

- States are encouraged to use some of the funding for salaries and wages of staff.

- Funding is available to child care providers who aren't currently receiving CCDBG assistance for the purposes of cleaning and sanitation, and other activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of programs.

2. \$12 million for the Community Services Block Grant

- Used to alleviate causes and conditions of poverty and support contracts between DCF and eligible community service organizations

- Current federal funding is \$8.7 million annually (majority of persons served must be at or below the poverty level)

- New funding may be used for administrative expenses and is not subject to the 9% limitation on discretionary activities.

- Funding may be carried over for the next two fiscal years.

- Generally, federal poverty level for this program is 125%. With this money, states may set poverty line at 200%

- According to LFB, this would most likely require a law change. LFB is checking with DCF to see if there is a workaround.

- WI s. 49.265 (1) (b) says 125%

3. \$500,000 for Family Violence Prevention

4. \$800,000 for Child Welfare Services

- No 25% matching requirement.

Elections

1. \$7.3 million in a federal elections security grant

- Prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID 19

- There is a 20% state match requirement (\$1.5 million)

- Need to obligate funds by Dec. 31, 2020 or money is returned to federal government.

General Fund Taxes

1. Required Minimum Retirement Distributions Waived

- Under federal law, each employee's interest in a qualified retirement trust must generally begin to be distributed not later than, in general, April 1 following the calendar year in which the employee reaches age 72.

- The Act specifies that these required minimum distribution provisions do not apply for calendar year 2020.

- This will reduce state individual income tax revenues by \$34 million in FY 20 and \$41 million in FY 21

- However, income tax returns will increase after FY 21 because a taxpayers required minimum distribution is primarily based on the balance in their retirement account in the most recent calendar year.

-The resulting fiscal effect will be an increase in tax revenue of \$6 million in FY 22 and FY 23.

2. Certain Tax Filing Deadlines Extended

- Tax deadline extended from April 15 to July 15.
- Because underpayment interest does not apply because of the federal date change, no underpayment interest will be owed on tax year 2019 estimated payments.
- This will reduce state income and franchise tax collections by up to \$28 million in FY20.

3. Single-Employer Pension Plan Deadline Extension

- Federal law sets forth minimum required contribution rules for pension plans.
- Under the Act, any minimum required contribution for single-employer pension plans due calendar year 2020 is extended to January 1, 2021.
- This will increase income and franchise tax revenues by \$12.3 million in FY20, \$14.2 million in FY 21, and \$1.6 million in FY 22 and decrease revenues by \$2.5 million in FY 23.
- By delaying min. required contributions in the short term, employers will forego tax deduction they could otherwise claim for payments. The decrease will occur when employers resume contributions and claim associated deductions (interest accrual makes it larger)

4. Certain Pension Plans as a Defined Benefit Plan

- Exception for March of Dimes to delay retirement plan contributions
- DOR said it applies to March of Dimes – LFB is taking their word for it.
- LFB estimates this will lead to a minimal reduction in state revenues.

DHS

1. An unknown amount of CDC Funding

- CARES Act provided \$1.5 billion for grants to states.
- It is not known what portion of this funding WI will receive.
- Entities that received public health emergency preparedness grant awards in 2019 will receive at least 100% of their FFY 19 award.
- Wisconsin will receive no less than \$11.3 million for this purpose.

2. At least \$15.8 million for Aging and Disability Service Programs (Community Living)

- Including: \$3.6 million for supportive services and senior centers
- \$8.7 million for congregate and home delivered meals
- \$1.8 million for family caregivers
- \$400,000 for the protection of vulnerable older Americans
- \$1.3 million for centers for independent living.
- Matching requirements do not apply
- An unknown amount of \$20 million total for nutrition services for Native Americans
- An unknown amount of \$50 million total for ADRC's.

3. Public Health and Social Services Emergency Funding – No state money

- Funds distributed to health care providers for expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to COVID 19

- Only expenses or losses that have not been reimbursed from other sources are eligible.
- Eligible expenses include: building or construction of temporary structures, leasing of properties, medical supplies and equipment (including PPE and testing), increased workforce and trainings, emergency operation centers, retrofitting facilities, and surge capacity.
- Not designated for state or local governments.
- Sec of DHHS is responsible for criteria and distribution of funds so it is unknown how much WI will get.
- \$100 billion available total

DOJ

1. \$9.1 million for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
 - Prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID 19
 - Awarded pursuant to formula allocation for current JAG Program
 - DOJ will receive \$9.1 million
 - Local jurisdictions will split \$4.9 million

K-12 and Higher Education

1. \$46.7 million for the Governor's Education Relief Fund
 - Distributed at the **discretion of the Governor** to school districts/independent charter schools and higher educational institutions with the "greatest need" for being significantly impacted by COVID 19.
2. \$174.8 million for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
 - Requires an application to Sec. of Education by state DPI
 - States will be required to distribute at least 90% to local education agencies
 - At least 9.5% to districts based on need, as determined by DPI
 - 0.5% can be retained by DPI for administrative costs.
3. \$186 million for Institutions of Higher Education
 - 90% is provided directly to each institution (75% based on % of Pell Grant students, 25% based on % of non-Pell Grant students)
 - 50% of funding must be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to disruption of campus operation due to COVID 19 (food, housing, course materials, health care, and child care)
 - 50% to cover costs associated with delivery of instruction changes
 - WI may receive minimal additional money from Sec of Education's discretionary allocation to institutions with greatest unmet needs
4. \$500,000 for Wisconsin Humanities Council
 - No matching funds required
5. \$11.4 million for Head Start

DMA

1. \$1.8 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants
 - Support implementation of the national preparedness system

-Generally requires a state match, but unknown if this money requires a state match. LFB confirms this as of 10:00 am on 4/2/2020

2. \$2.3 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program

-Provides shelter, food, and supportive services to individuals with economic emergencies.

Direct Payments to State and Local Governments

1. \$1.9 billion direct payment to state government

-Can be used for expenses incurred in response to COVID 19 that were not accounted for in the most recent state budget and were incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020.

-Dane County, Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee will split an estimated \$360.6 million in additional aid.

-Funds cannot be used to fill revenue gaps caused by slowing state revenues.

-State does have discretion to allocate some of \$1.9 billion to any local unit of government

-LFB is looking into how this allocation will work. Specifically, does the Governor get to allocate all or will the legislature have some say?

-LFB did say, generally, the legislature has delegated this responsibility to the executive branch.

-LFB initial opinion is that the executive branch gets to decide how this is spent.

-More information on this will be provided as it is known

-Direct payment to general fund will be made around April 24, 2020.

Tourism (Arts Board)

1. \$467,000 to WI Arts Board

-No match funding requirement.

2. An unknown amount to individual arts organizations

-NEA has discretion to allocate \$45 million to individual organizations.

-More guidance coming.

DOT

1. Money for Transit Infrastructure Grants (see amounts below)

-Reimburse operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue beginning on January 20, 2020 due to COVID 19, including buying PPE and paying salaries.

-Funds will be appropriated by the end of this week.

-Madison and Milwaukee get money directly, the rest is routed through DOT

-Money put through existing appropriations/formula, state has no say

-No state match required

1. \$62.1 million for Milwaukee Transit Systems

-Distributed directly to Milwaukee

2. \$22.1 million for Madison Transit Systems

-Distributed directly to Madison

3. \$7.4 million for Appleton Transit Systems
-Through DOT
 4. \$6.4 million for Green Bay Transit Systems
-Through DOT
 5. \$50.1 million for Tier B Transit Systems
-50,000 to 200,000 people
-Through DOT
 6. \$51.5 million for Tier C Transit Systems
-Less than 50,000 people.
-Through DOT
2. \$4 million for the Good Repair Program
 3. An unknown amount for Airport Aids
-Money is available for commercial airports and general aviation airports
-Must continue to employ at least 90% of employees on Dec 31, 2020 as they did on date of enactment
-No state match required. Formula based funding.
 4. Money directly to Amtrak to continue operations
-Prohibits any state from paying Amtrak more than 80% of the amount paid in FFY 19.
 5. Unknown amount for Essential Air Service and Rural Improvement Fund
-Maintain passenger air service to rural areas.
 6. Extends REAL ID deadline to December 30, 2021.
-Current deadline is October 1, 2020

Unemployment Insurance Provisions under the Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA)

1. \$18,914,772 for unemployment insurance emergency administrative grants
-Will be allocated in two equal allotments totaling \$9,457,386 each.
-To receive allocation 1, must meet criteria:
-LFB indicates DWD has already adopted all requirements and **no** legislative action is needed.
-To receive allocation 2, must meet criteria:
 1. Claims for unemployment have increased by at least 10% over same rolling quarter in previous calendar year (LFB indicates this is satisfied)
-Have 60 days to claim
 2. Strengthen and maintain access to unemployment insurance system (LFB indicates this is satisfied)

3. Ease work search requirements (done), repeal of the 1 week waiting period (action needed), non-charging employers directly impacted by COVID 19 - goal of this provision is place certain COVID 19 related charges against state's UI balancing account instead of employer's UI experience account so as not to penalize the employer - (Waiting for guidance from USDOL to see if legislation will be necessary as it is unclear who should be non-charged)
-The state can apply for both at once, or wait and apply separately.

Unemployment Insurance Provisions under the CARES Act

1. Federal government reimbursement for supplemental UI payments
 - Federal government will pay temporary unemployment compensation of \$600 per week to any worker eligible for unemployment benefits through July 31, 2020
 - Paid in addition to and at the same time as regular state UI benefits.
 - Federal government will reimburse state for the cost of administering the supplement and for the cost of the supplement itself.
2. Federal government reimbursement for expanded eligibility
 - Expands unemployment insurance for self-employed, independent contractors, freelancers, those without sufficient work history to qualify for state UI benefits if unemployment connected with COVID 19.
 - Would apply through state UI offices and states would be fully reimbursed for the costs of benefits and administration.
 - No waiting period.
3. Federal government reimbursement for expanded benefits
 - Provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment
 - Fully federally funded.
4. Full Federal Funding for States with No Waiting Week
 - Full federal funding of the first week of regular UI benefits for states with no waiting, plus administrative expenses.
 - State-federal agreement would apply to the weeks of unemployment benefits beginning after the date on which the agreement is entered into and ending on or before Dec 31, 2020.
 - Need legislation to repeal 1 week waiting period to get this
5. Full Federal Funding of States with a Work-Share Program
 - 100% funded UI benefits for states with work-share program (WI has this, no legislation required).
 - Unknown amount of \$100 million to support work-share programs (1/3 for administration, 2/3 for promotion and enrollment)
6. Relief for Governmental Entities and Non-Profit Organizations
 - Reimburse nonprofits, government agencies, and Native Americans tribes for 50% of the costs they incur to pay for UI benefits through December 31, 2020.
 - USDOL expected to issue guidance to allow states to interpret their state UI laws in a manner that would provide maximum flexibility to reimbursing employers as it relates to timely payment and assessment of penalties and interest.

WHEDA

-Most of this is WHEDA administering pass through money from Federal government.

1. \$6.3 million for state and local public housing authorities

-For allocation to low-income tenants

-Some will go to WHEDA (5% - \$300,000), but most will go to local Housing Authorities (\$6 million)

2. \$15.9 million in Project-Based Funding

-HUD negotiates contracts with property owners to provide housing to low-income tenants

-Some will go to WHEDA (\$795,000), but most will go to HUD for contracts with property owners (\$15.11 million)

DWD

1. Unknown amount of Dislocated Workers Grants

-Discretionary grants awarded by the USDOL Secretary to provide resources to states and other eligible applicants to respond to large, unexpected layoff events causing significant job losses.

-\$300 million in grants available to states and tribal governments to address the workforce-related impacts of COVID 19

-Min award: \$150,000; Max award: \$25 million.

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1	CARES Act Money								
2	Purpose	Agency	Money to state	Match	Notes				
3	Community Development Block Grant	DOA	\$16,100,000	Unknown	Additional \$21.2 million directly to locals				
4	Emergency Solutions Grants	DOA	\$25,400,000	Unknown	Additional \$11.9 million directly to locals; unknown amount				
5	Housing for those with AIDS	DOA	\$238,000	Unknown					
6	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	DOA	\$8,000,000	Unknown					
7	Wisconsin Shares	DCF	\$51,300,000	No					
8	Community Services Block Grant	DCF	\$12,000,000	No					
9	Family Violence Prevention	DCF	\$500,000	No					
10	Child Welfare Services	DCF	\$800,000	No					
11	Federal Elections Security Grant	Elections	\$7,300,000	\$1,500,000					
12	Required Minimum Retirement Distributions Waived	General Fund Taxes	(\$75,000,000)	N/A	Total of FY 20 and FY 21				
13	Tax Filing Deadline Extended	General Fund Taxes	(\$28,000,000)	N/A	FY 20 only				
14	Single-Employer Pension Plan Deadline Extension	General Fund Taxes	\$26,500,000	N/A	Total of FY 20 and FY 21, Decrease revenues by \$2.5 million				
15	Certain Pension Plans as a Defined Benefits Plan	General Fund Taxes	\$0	N/A	Minimal, March of Dimes				
16	CDC Funding	DHS	\$11,300,000	No	Actual amount unknown, no less than \$11.3 million				
17	Aging and Disability Service Programs	DHS	\$15,800,000	No					
18	Nutrition Services for Native Americans	DHS	Unknown	No	Unknown amount of \$20 million available				
19	ADRC Funding	DHS	Unknown	No	Unknown amount of \$50 million available				
20	Public Health and Social Services Emergency Funding	DHS	\$0	No	Directly to health care providers at discretion of Federal Dept				
21	State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	DOJ	\$9,100,000	No	Plus \$4.9 million for locals				
22	Governor's Education Relief Fund	DPI	\$46,700,000	No	Up to Gov Evers to distribute				
23	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	DPI	\$174,800,000	No	DPI must apply				
24	Institutions of Higher Education	Higher Ed	\$0	No	\$186 million directly to Institutions of Higher Education				
25	Wisconsin Humanities Council	Private Nonprofit	\$0	No	\$500,000 to Humanities Council				
26	Head Start	DPI	\$11,400,000	No					
27	Emergency Management Performance Grants	DMA	\$1,800,000	Unknown					
28	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	DMA	\$2,300,000	No					
29	Direct Payment to State	General Fund	\$1,900,000,000	No	State does have some discretion to allocate to locals, must be				
30	WI Arts Board	Tourism	\$467,000	No					
31	Individual Arts Organizations	Tourism	\$0	No	Directly to individual organizations				
32	Transit Infrastructure Grants	DOT	\$0	No	\$115.4 million to Madison/Milwaukee; \$44.6 routed through				
33	Good Repair Program	DOT	\$4,000,000	No					
34	Airport Aids	DOT	Unknown	No					
35	Amtrak	Amtrak	\$0	No	Money directly to Amtrak				
36	Essential Air Service and Rural Improvement Fund	DOT	Unknown	No					
37	Unemployment Insurance	UI	\$18,914,772	No	Need to repeal 1 week waiting to get				
38	Supplemental UI Payments	UI	Sum Sufficient	No					
39	Expanded Eligibility for UI	UI	Sum Sufficient	No					
40	Expanded Benefits for UI	UI	Sum Sufficient	No					
41	Federal Funding for States with no waiting week	UI	Sum Sufficient	No	Need to repeal 1 week waiting to get				
42	Work-Share	UI	Sum Sufficient	No					

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43	Relief for Governmental Entities and Nonprofits for UI	UI	Sum Sufficient	No	50% of costs				
44	State and Local Public Housing Authorities	WHEDA	\$300,000	No	\$6 million to local housing authorities				
45	Project Based Funding	WHEDA	\$795,000	No	\$15.1 million for contracts with property owners				
46	Dislocated Workers Grants	DWD	Unknown	No					
47		Known Total -	\$2,242,814,772						

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:42 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Constituents' Corner: April 8, 2020

Van would like to include these [Racine Co links](#) (and if we can find Kenosha County links, them too) in our next newsletter.

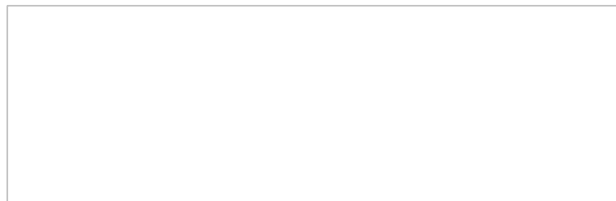
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Thank You, Local Election Officials

With an unprecedented election (almost) behind us, we want to give a huge thank you to Racine County Clerk Wendy Christensen, the entire County Clerk's Office, and municipal clerks from across the county for their phenomenal work over the past few weeks.

Holding the spring election has been one of the most challenging aspects of our COVID-19 response -- but our clerks, poll workers, Wisconsin National Guard members, Emergency Operations Center staff, volunteers and many others rose to the challenge.

While drama played out at the state level and in the courts, our local team quietly worked for several weeks to ensure the election was conducted as safely and smoothly as possible. Our collective efforts were geared toward protecting public health and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Specific procedures varied by municipality, but in all cases municipalities enacted measures to maintain social distancing at the polls and protect poll workers.

The Racine County Emergency Operations Center delivered personal protective equipment to municipal clerks' offices over the weekend that were used by poll workers and election officials. In addition, about 50 plainclothes Wisconsin National Guard members were in Racine County and deployed to polling places as needed. And many community members answered the call for help and volunteered at the polls yesterday.

This has been a total team effort. We are especially grateful to our clerks, who overcame incredible challenges to ensure the democratic process continued. We should all be proud of the work they performed over the past few weeks.

Mental Health Resources Added to Coronavirus Homepage

Staying at home is hugely important right now. However, there's no doubt that spending so much time away from others is creating mental health challenges for many of us.

Racine County recently added a storymap to our Coronavirus homepage on mental health resources, which includes [important tips, links, and a map of local resources](#).

We also launched [RacineCountyFamilyResources.com](https://www.racinecountyfamilyresources.com) earlier this year, a hub of centralized information on local resources.

For those experiencing isolation, loneliness and depression - know that you are not alone. We are all in this together as we move through this unprecedented time.

Our Coronavirus homepage - www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus - also includes new information for those looking to sew homemade facemasks. We launched a [dedicated page](#) that includes a map of drop-off locations and info on how to sew facemasks.

The Racine County Sheriff's Office has led a countywide effort to manufacture and solicit more facemasks and personal protective equipment to ensure those working on the front lines of this public health emergency are protected.



Workers sew masks at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility.



While COVID-19 has caused many cancellations, closures and postponements, the 2020 U.S. Census is still ongoing and crucial to the future of Racine County and all of our communities.

While you stay at home and keep distance from others, fill out the Census online at 2020Census.gov. It's simple, it's safe, and it's important for our communities, with federal funding allocations and political representation dependent on an accurate count. [Read more in our news release.](#)

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Subject: FW: COVID Case at Goddaard School

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Hi Lisa –

Please let me know if you have any further questions, and I will try to get you answers.

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Hi Scott,

This is the guidance posted on our site and developed along with DHS, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/press/2020/dcf-order-2-covid-19.pdf>. There are some links that didn't paste in the info from the doc I've included below, but this is the info I have.

Scenario 2: One or more positive cases of COVID-19 in children or staff

- If there is a case of COVID-19 among children or staff, programs should consider a short-term (less than 1 week) or long-term (two weeks or more) closure will allow for thorough cleaning and disinfection. Public health can also use this time to trace close contacts of the case and determine if others could be at risk. Advantages of long-term closures must be weighed against the economic burden placed on staff and children's parents, loss of key members of the workforce, and impacts on academic achievement. If local closures are pursued because of community transmission, the geographic extent of closures should be informed by local epidemiologic data.

- Assess the impacts of any decisions you make on the families you serve. There are equity implications for any decision you may make, and the families you work with will be able to provide you the best feedback on and guidance on how to move forward in a child- and family-centered way.

- If extended facility closures are recommended by public health, programs should implement continuity of operations plans.

- Ensure continuity of meal programs and distribution of medications.
 - Continue providing necessary services for children with special healthcare needs.

- Parents of children at increased risk of severe illness should consider implementing plans to remove children from the program.
- Maintain regular communications with parents and your local public health department.
- The staff or child diagnosed with COVID-19 should follow the CDC recommendations for discontinuation of home isolation and voluntary home quarantine.

Thanks,

Nadya

Nadya Pérez-Reyes

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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Legislation
Attachment(s): "Inf Disease Presumption.pdf"

[WPPA would like to amend this law to add COVID](#)

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Cc: Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com>
Subject: COVID-19 Legislation

In 2009 WI Act 284 was adopted on a voice vote in each house. The bill makes Infectious Disease a "presumption" when applying for Duty Disability (40.65). The law lists various types of infectious disease. It does not of course list COVID-19. We think the law should be amended to add COVID-19.

Act 284 applies to law enforcement, corrections, fire, and EMS.

Two questions:

1. Could you ask Leg Council to see if the current law might be broad enough to already include a new disease like COVID-19?
2. Have a bill drafted adding COVID-19 to the list?

Thanks and I will be giving you a call.

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2009 Senate Bill 429

Date of enactment: May 12, 2010
Date of publication*: May 26, 2010

2009 WISCONSIN ACT 284

AN ACT to amend 61.66 (2) and 891.45 (2); and to create 891.453 of the statutes; relating to: establishing a presumption for employment-connected communicable diseases for fire fighters, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement officers, and certain correctional employees.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 61.66 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

61.66 (2) The governing body of a village acting under sub. (1) may designate any person required to perform police protection and fire protection duties under sub. (1) as primarily a police officer or fire fighter for purposes of s. 891.45, 891.453, or 891.455.

SECTION 2. 891.45 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

891.45 (2) ~~In~~ Except as provided in s. 891.453, in any proceeding involving the application by a state, county, or municipal fire fighter or his or her beneficiary for disability or death benefits under s. 40.65 (2) or any pension or retirement system applicable to fire fighters, where at the time of death or filing of application for disability benefits the deceased or disabled fire fighter had served a total of 5 years as a state, county, or municipal fire fighter and a qualifying medical examination given prior to the time of his or her becoming a state, county, or municipal fire fighter showed no evidence of heart or respiratory impairment or disease, and where the disability or death is found to be caused by heart or respiratory impairment or disease, such finding shall be presumptive

evidence that such impairment or disease was caused by such employment.

SECTION 3. 891.453 of the statutes is created to read:
891.453 Presumption of employment-connected disease; infectious disease. (1) In this section:

(a) "**Correctional officer**" means any person employed by the state or by a county or a municipality as a guard or officer whose principal duties are the supervision and discipline of inmates.

(b) "**Emergency medical service provider**" means a person employed by the state or by a county or municipality and who is an emergency medical technician under s. 256.01 (5) or a first responder under s. 256.01 (9).

(c) "**Fire fighter**" means a state, county, or municipal fire fighter who is covered under s. 891.45 and any person under s. 61.66 whose duties as a fire fighter took up at least two-thirds of his or her working hours.

(d) "**Law enforcement officer**" means any person employed by the state or by a county or a municipality for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances, who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances which he or she is employed to enforce. "Law enforcement officer" includes a person under s. 61.66 whose duties as a police officer took up at least two-thirds of his or her working hours.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

(2) (a) In this subsection, "infectious disease" includes the human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, diphtheria, meningococcal meningitis, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, and severe acute respiratory syndrome.

(b) In any proceeding involving the application by a correctional officer, an emergency medical service provider, a fire fighter, or a law enforcement officer or his or her beneficiary for disability or death benefits under s. 40.65 (2) or any pension or retirement system applicable

to correctional officers, emergency medical service providers, fire fighters, or law enforcement officers, if a qualifying medical examination given prior to the time of his or her becoming a correctional officer, an emergency medical service provider, a fire fighter, or a law enforcement officer showed no evidence of an infectious disease, and if the disability or death is found to be caused by an infectious disease, the finding shall be presumptive evidence that the infectious disease was caused by the employment.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:29 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Legislation
FYI

From: Mahlon Mitchell <mahlonmitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Jim Palmer Cell <palmer@wppa.com>
Cc: Joe Strohl <jstrohl66@gmail.com>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Legislation

I agree with Jim in regards to timing. There would not be another time that we would even be thinking of this COVID-19 as a possibility. Other states are looking at adding this in there laws as well.

On Mar 25, 2020, at 12:18 PM, Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com> wrote:

I am not aware that it has ever been used. As far as the concern relative to timing, I think it shows they were trying to get ahead a future problems they could not have been contemplated when the original law was established.

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From: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:05:30 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com>; Mahlon Mitchell <mahlonmitchell@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Legislation

Thanks I will check for sure but I am not aware of the presumption in the Infectious Law being used. We do know that the Cancer Presumption is used about once per year. But the cancer presumption only applies to fire fighters/EMS and not cops.

Might Van be at least willing to get it drafted? That would help to have it ready for use at the appropriate time.

Thanks again.

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On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 10:52 AM Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Van likes it, but wants to wait for now.

He also has some questions – like has this law ever been used? If so, how many times? He's worried about the timing, and looking opportunistic.

From: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com>
Subject: COVID-19 Legislation

In 2009 WI Act 284 was adopted on a voice vote in each house. The bill makes Infectious Disease a "presumption" when applying for Duty Disability (40.65). The law lists various types of infectious disease. It does not of course list COVID-19. We think the law should be amended to add COVID-19.

Act 284 applies to law enforcement, corrections, fire, and EMS.

Two questions:

1. Could you ask Leg Council to see if the current law might be broad enough to already include a new disease like COVID-19?
2. Have a bill drafted adding COVID-19 to the list?

Thanks and I will be giving you a call.

Joe

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:38 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

Mostly reasonable requests.

From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda

On behalf of Wisconsin's business community, we ask for your thoughtful consideration of WMC's [COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Agenda](#).

The agenda represents policies intended to help employers and employees during a pandemic that is already having unprecedented impacts on our state economy.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these [policies](#), and would be happy to discuss them with you further and answer any questions. In addition, please also visit [WMC's COVID-19 resource center](#) for updated information that may be of benefit for your constituents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 10:04 AM EDT
To: Knepp, Fern <Fern.Knepp@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -6091/P1
Attachment(s): "19-6091_P1 (2).pdf"

Hi Fern –

Saw your note. I think we DO want to include teachers and administrators, as the goal of this is to keep paychecks flowing and not let the districts bank the money.

Thanks

Scott

From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -6091/P1

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -6091/P1.



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring school boards to make payments to vendors during
2 the public health emergency.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

While schools are closed by the Department of Health Service during the 2019-20 school year, this bill requires a school board to pay a vendor that had a contract with the school board on March 18, 2020, regardless of whether the vendor provides the goods or services required under the contract. This requirement applies only if the school board does not need or want the goods or services because schools are closed or the vendor is unable to provide the goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared by the governor on March 12, 2020.

For further information see the **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) VENDOR CONTRACTS; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

5 (a) In this subsection:

1. “Public health emergency” means the period during the 2019-20 school year when schools are closed by the department of health services under s. 252.02 (3).

2. “Vendor” means a person providing goods or services to a school board under chs. 115 to 121. “Vendor” does not include a person providing services under an employment contract with a school board.

****NOTE: I assumed you did not intend to capture teacher and administrator contracts. Please let me know if this assumption is incorrect.

(b) During the public health emergency, a school board shall pay a vendor, as required under a contract with a vendor, regardless of whether the vendor provides the goods or services required under the contract, if all of the following apply:

1. The contract between the school board and the vendor was in effect on March 18, 2020, and neither party was in default on that date.

2. The school board does not need or want the goods or services because schools are closed during the public health emergency or the vendor is unable to provide the goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

(END)

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:45 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Election Day

[You might want to give Doctor Murphy a call if you have his number.](#)

From: Ned Murphy <n_murphy@ameritech.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 3:26 PM
Subject: Election Day

I note on various news sites (Television, News Papers, etc.) the number of persons lining up to vote in Wisconsin's Spring Election in person. This is because Republican leaders have convinced the US Supreme Court that this election should occur as usual. Never mind Covid-19 and it's potential for illness and death. Even though adjustments have been made to accommodate the numbers of persons braving the personal potential of illness or death, there exists beyond these individuals the Health Care Providers who are treating current victims of this disease. Additionally these providers must also be concerned about what they bring home to their families. Are you as my legislator doing everything you can to assure the health and safety of our fellow citizens? The answer to "What can you lose?" is now over 10,000. Are you committed to Wisconsin citizens or your party? What are you personally doing to insure our safety?

Ned Murphy

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now".

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:26 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus
Attachment(s): "Letter to Secretary Palm on COVID.docx"

From: Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus

Chiefs,

My boss asked that we send this draft letter around to your bosses before today's call. Thank you and sorry for getting it to you right before. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kyle

Dear Secretary-designee Palm,

We first want to thank you and your staff for the hard work over the past few weeks in light of the current international crisis.

We are reaching out to request a conference call with you as events and concurrent government actions continue to unfold. In the midst of efforts to contain the spread of the virus, there are also related negative impacts on the broader public health that are also taking place.

There are four specific areas we would like to talk through with you:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turn around time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

Since the order was issued on last Tuesday, we have received extensive feedback around each of these points. We know this is an unprecedented and developing situation where difficult decisions are having to be made. We are requesting this discussion in the interest of cooperation. It is imperative that we prioritize communication and increase access to data that informs key decision-making.

We know we all share the same goal of slowing the spread and getting Wisconsin safely back to work. Thank you for your attention to this matter, we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Kapenga
33rd Senate District

From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 7:50 PM EDT

To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>

Subject: FW: LFB memo - bill for Friday session

Attachment(s): "06 Summary of Provisions Draft.pdf"

From: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 6:48 PM

To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: FW: LFB memo - bill for Friday session

See attached PDF - please get back to Tad or I tomorrow with any feedback - shooting for a virtual floor session on Friday if this can come together by then.

Thanks,
Dan

Summary of Provisions

ADMINISTRATION

1. EMPLOYEE TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Authorize the Secretary of DOA to transfer any employee from one executive branch agency to another executive branch agency to provide services for the receiving agency during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, including any extension by joint resolution of the Legislature. Specify that the receiving agency must pay all salary and fringe benefit costs of the employee during the time he or she is providing services for the receiving agency. Further, specify that any transfer would remain in effect until rescinded by the Secretary of DOA or 90 days after the public health emergency is terminated, whichever is earliest. Specify that an employee may not receive a salary increase upon transfer to a state agency, nor may an employee receive a salary increase upon return to the sending state agency. Require the Secretary of DOA to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Finance no later than June 1, 2020, and on the first day of each subsequent month during the emergency period, that provides information on all employee transfers. Specify that the report identify the number of employees transferred, the title of each employee transferred, the title the employee assumed at the receiving agency, and the reasons for each employee transfer.

2. LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYEE HOURS

Specify that the Director of the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection in DOA's Division of Personnel Management may increase or suspend the number of hours for a limited-term appointment for the duration of a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Under current law, a limited-term appointment is a provisional appointment for less than 1,040 hours per year.

3. USE OF ANNUAL LEAVE

Specify that a state employee may take annual leave within the first six months of the employee's probationary period upon initial appointment during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that if such an employee who has taken annual leave terminates his or her employment before earning annual leave equivalent to the amount of annual leave the employee has taken, the appointing authority would be required to deduct the cost of the unearned annual leave from the employee's final pay.

Under current law, an employee, with the approval of his or her appointing authority, may anticipate the annual leave which he or she could earn during the current calendar year, but no employee is eligible to take annual leave until he or she has completed the first six months of a

probationary period for an original job appointment unless the employee uses annual leave that he or she accrued while serving in an unclassified position.

4. STATE EMPLOYMENT FILINGS AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Specify that a state employee does not waive his or her right to appeal an adverse employment decision if the employee does not timely file a complaint or appeal during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that the tolling period for an employee to file such a complaint with the appointing authority would begin 14 days after the termination of the declared public health emergency or extension. In addition, specify that an appointing authority or his or her designee is not required to meet with a complainant in person when conducting an investigation related to such a complaint filed by an employee during a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

Under current law, to commence the grievance process for an adverse employment action, a state employee must file a complaint with the employee's appointing authority challenging the adverse employment decision against the employee no later than 14 days after the employee becomes aware of, or should have become aware of, the decision that is the subject of the complaint. Also under current law, an appointing authority or his or her designee who receives a timely complaint must conduct any investigation they consider necessary, meet with the employee in person, and issue a decision in writing no later than 14 days after the date on which the complaint is received.

AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

1. PROHIBITION ON RETURNS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Prohibit a retail establishment from accepting the return of fresh or packaged food, cleaning supplies, personal care products, or paper products purchased during a public health emergency as declared by the Governor under s. 323.10 of the statutes, or within 30 days after the emergency ends. However, allow a retailer to accept the return of food, personal care products, cleaning supplies, or paper products within seven days of purchase for any reason, or at any time any time if a product was contaminated due to improper production or packaging. Further, allow retail establishments to accept returns of other types of products at any time.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS

1. AUTHORIZE TRUST FUND LOANS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Allow BCPL to offer loans from the common school fund and other school trust funds to nonprofit municipal utilities during the state of emergency declared by the Governor under Executive Order 72, including any extension granted by the Legislature, and up to 60 days after the emergency declaration expires. Specify BCPL may offer loans to ensure that the utility is able to maintain liquidity during the emergency period, and authorize BCPL to issue loans for amounts and conditions as may be agreed upon by a borrower. Further, specify that the Legislature determines the loans serve a public purpose.

Under current law, BCPL makes loans to school districts, municipalities, sewer districts and other public entities from the school trust funds that it manages. BCPL typically offers 10-year loans with low fixed interest rates. Under statute, BCPL loans must have an interest rate greater than 2%. BCPL does not charge a pre-payment penalty.

The public health emergency allows commercial and residential ratepayers to temporarily suspend utility payments without losing service. The provision is intended to allow BCPL to extend loans to municipal utilities so that they may continue to meet obligations in the event of a temporary loss of revenues.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION RESERVES

1. JOINT FINANCE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS

Specify that the Joint Committee on Finance could reduce certain general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations and suspend law changes that would decrease state general fund tax revenues, if the general fund condition statement issued by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows an estimated deficit in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Require the Fiscal Bureau to prepare a revised general fund condition statement for the 2019-21 biennium no later than June 15, 2020, and submit the report to the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance. If the report projects that the estimated gross general fund balance on June 30, 2021, will be negative, require that the cochairpersons convene a meeting of the Committee no later than June 24, 2020.

Specify that the Committee could take action at the required meeting to reduce the amount of any general purpose revenue appropriation in the appropriation schedule for the 2020-21 fiscal year,

except for the following: (a) sum sufficient appropriations; (b) the appropriation for Medical Assistance benefits under the Department of Health Services; and (c) the appropriations to pay debt service on appropriation obligation bonds. Additionally, the Committee could take action to delay the effective date, initial applicability, or implementation of any provision contained in any enactment of the 2019 Legislature that would have the effect of reducing general purpose revenues. Specify that if the provision relates to taxation, the delay could not extend beyond the taxable year that begins after December 31, 2021, and any other such delay could not extend beyond June 30, 2023.

2. TRANSFERS FROM SUM SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

Allow the Joint Committee on Finance to transfer up to \$25 million from sum sufficient appropriations during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension period, and for a period of up to 90 days after the termination of the state of emergency. Transferred funds could be used for expenditures related to the state of emergency.

Under current law, the Joint Committee on Finance can transfer funds between two appropriations or between two fiscal years in the same biennium if the transfer would eliminate unnecessary duplication of functions, result in a more efficient and effective method for performing programs, or more effectively carry out legislative intent. Such transfer must be for purposes which have been authorized or directed by the Legislature, and cannot change legislative intent. Current law does not allow a transfer from a sum sufficient appropriation to other types of appropriations.

3. RESCIND SECOND GENERAL WAGE ADJUSTMENT

GPR-Comp.	
Reserves	- \$20,517,000

Specify that, notwithstanding the actions of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations on December 18, 2019, in approving the state employee compensation plan and the proposed pay plan of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System, the January, 2021, general wage adjustment of 2% provided under the state employee compensation plan and the January, 2021, wage adjustments provided to UW System employees under its proposed pay plan are rescinded. Funding in compensation reserves associated with the above January, 2021, wage adjustments totals \$20,517,000 GPR (\$47,559,100 all funds) in 2020-21.

BUILDING COMMISSION

1. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDING REFUNDING AUTHORITY

Increase the bonding authorization for refunding of any outstanding tax-supported or self-amortizing state general obligation debt by \$725,000,000, from its current level of \$6,785,000,000

to \$7,510,000,000. These bonds could only be issued if the debt refinancing meets the current law requirement that the true interest costs of the state must be reduced. The authorization for this refunding bonding was last increased in 2017 Act 59 (the 2017-19 budget).

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

1. REHIRED ANNUITANTS IN CRITICAL POSITIONS

Specify that a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participant who is hired by a participating employer during a public health emergency declared by the Governor may elect to not suspend his or her annuity for the duration of the public health emergency if: (a) at the time of terminating employment, the participant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services; and (b) the position for which the annuitant is hired is a critical position. Further, specify that the current break-in-service requirement of 75 days would not apply to a participant who is hired for a critical position during the public health emergency if at least 15 days have elapsed between the termination of employment and becoming a participating employee. Require the head of each state agency and each local health department, based on guidance provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, to determine which positions within the respective state agency or local government are critical when the Governor declares a public health emergency, for the purposes of administering the provisions applicable to rehired annuitants.

Under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, must suspend their annuity and become a participating WRS employee if they are employed in covered employment, or enter into a contract with a WRS employer, and are expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Also under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, has a break-in-service requirement of 75 days between termination of employment and becoming a participating employee with a WRS employer. This separation from WRS employment must occur for an individual who applied for an annuity or lump sum payment to continue to qualify for an annuity or to retain the lump sum payment.

2. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Specify that, for the purposes of group health insurance coverage offered by the Group Insurance Board, an employee who returns from a leave of absence and who has not resumed active duty for at least 30 consecutive calendar days on the date that the Governor declares a public health emergency is deemed to have ended or interrupted the leave of absence on that date. The public health emergency related to COVID-19 was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020.

Under current law, a leave of absence is not deemed ended or interrupted until the employee

has resumed active performance of duty for 30 consecutive calendar days for at least 50 percent of what is considered the employee's normal work time with the employer. Also under current law, a state or local public employer that provides its employees health insurance coverage through a plan offered by the Group Insurance Board must continue to pay required employer contributions, if any, toward the health insurance premium of an insured employee while the insured employee is on a leave of absence for the first three months of the leave of absence, or for the entire leave of absence if the insured employee is receiving temporary disability compensation. Under the provision, an employee of such an employer who returns from a leave of absence, and who was eligible to receive an employer contribution towards health insurance premiums prior to commencing the leave of absence, would be immediately eligible for the employer contribution towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. GOVERNMENTAL DEADLINES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that a state or local governmental unit, during an emergency period, may suspend any deadline associated with a program or action that the state or local governmental unit administers or enforces. Define "emergency period" as the period covered by a public health emergency plus 30 days after the end of the emergency. Define "deadline" to mean any date certain by which, or any limitation as to time within which, an action or event is required to occur. Specify that a state or local governmental unit may not charge any interest or penalties that would otherwise apply with respect to the suspended deadlines. Specify that during an emergency period, a state or local unit of government may suspend any training requirements that are associated with programs the state or local unit of government administers or enforces. The provision would first apply to deadlines or training requirements during a public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order #72, including any extensions.

Specify that the suspension of deadlines does not apply to tax-filing deadlines with respect to tax revenues deposited to the general fund, certain taxes and fees deposited to the transportation fund, or to interest and penalties on property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. These tax-filing deadlines are described under "Revenue."

2. IN PERSON APPEARANCE WAIVER

Specify that the head or governing body of a state entity may waive a requirement imposed, administered, or enforced by the state entity that an individual appear in person during a public health emergency declared by the Governor if the head or governing body finds that the waiver assists in the state's response to the public health emergency or that enforcing the requirement may

increase the public health risk. Define "state entity" to mean any state agency, institution of higher education, association, society, or other body in state government, created or authorized to be created by the Constitution or any law that is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law, including the Legislature, the Courts, and any authority.

3. EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products in response to a state of emergency declared under s. 323.10 of the statutes from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.

4. EXEMPTION TO 50 PIECE RULE FOR EMERGENCIES

Allow a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office to use public funds to pay for communications related to a state of emergency or a public health emergency declared by the Governor, if the communications are made during the emergency period, or within 30 days after termination of the emergency period.

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office may not use public funds to pay for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material during the campaign season.

HEALTH SERVICES

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS TO MEET CONDITIONS FOR ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE

Authorize DHS to take certain actions, as described below, to satisfy criteria for qualifying for enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available during an emergency period declared in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, as established by the federal Family First

Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Under this provision, the Department would be authorized to do the following on a temporary basis: (a) suspend monthly premiums for childless adults covered under the medical assistance (MA) program; (b) suspend the requirement that childless adults complete a health risk assessment questionnaire for childless adults, as a condition of MA eligibility; (c) delay the implementation of a community engagement requirement for childless adults until the date that is either: (1) 30 days after the day the federal government has approved the community engagement implementation plan; or (2) 30 days after the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the declared federal public health emergency associated with the novel coronavirus pandemic occurs; and (d) maintain continuous enrollment of for any MA beneficiary who is enrolled as of the date of passage of the FFCRA (March 18, 2020), or who subsequently enrolls in the program during the period of the federal public health emergency, until the end of the end of the final month during which the federal public health emergency is in effect.

The Department of Health Services implemented the monthly premiums and health risk questionnaire beginning on February 1, 2020, under terms of a federal waiver applicable for Medicaid coverage for childless adults. The community engagement provision is another waiver provision, which has not yet been implemented. Under provisions established under 2017 Act 370, the deadline for implementation of this provision is currently April 29, 2020, although the federal government has not approved the final implementation plan.

The FFCRA increases each state's FMAP by 6.2 percentage points during any calendar quarter for which the COVID-19 federal public health emergency is in effect, provided that the state meets certain maintenance of effort criteria. This increase will apply, at a minimum to the first two quarters of 2020, January through March, and April through June. Based on current expenditure levels in the state's medical assistance program, the increase to the state's FMAP will increase federal Medicaid matching funds by approximately \$150 million per quarter, or approximately \$300 million over the two quarters covering the final six months of state fiscal year 2019-20.

In order to qualify for the FMAP increase, states must: (a) not adopt more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for their Medicaid programs than were in effect on January 1, 2020; (b) not charge a higher premium for any eligibility groups than was in effect on January 1, 2020; (c) ensure that any person who was enrolled as of the date of enactment of the FFCRA or who enrolls during the federal public health emergency be eligible for benefits through the end of the month in which the public health emergency period ends; and (d) provide coverage of COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries without cost sharing. With respect to premiums, a state is not ineligible for the FMAP increase during the 30-day period following the passage of the FFCRA (that is, through April 17, 2020), if it had a premium in effect on the date of passage that would otherwise not be in compliance with the maintenance of effort requirement.

Since the state's childless adult waiver provisions were implemented after January 1, 2020, the provisions must be suspended in order for the state to qualify for the enhanced FMAP. In addition, the state must make modifications to eligibility review processes to ensure continuous

enrollment for MA beneficiaries during the federal public health emergency. The changes under this item, which would be established in a nonstatutory provision, are intended to make the state eligible to receive enhanced FMAP under the FFCRA.

2. SECTION 1135 AND 1915(C) APPENDIX K WAIVER REQUESTS

Specify that current law provisions, enacted in 2017 Wisconsin Act 370 relating to legislative authorization for, and review of federal waiver requests proposed by the Department of Health Services (DHS) do not apply to any waivers submitted under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act or any waiver amendments to an existing waiver submitted as an Appendix K waiver (as authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act), during a period of the federal public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020, by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided the waiver requests are limited to the subjects specified below.

Section 1135 Waiver Provisions

A Section 1135 waiver provides states flexibility with respect to Medicaid program requirements during a period of a public health emergency.

Services Provided in Alternative Settings. Allow providers to receive payments for services provided to affected beneficiaries in alternative physical settings, such as mobile testing sites, temporary shelters or other non-traditional or alternative care facilities.

Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASSR Level I and Level II Assessment) when Residents are Transferred. Waive the current PASSR requirements when a resident is transferred to a nursing home.

Under this item, if a nursing facility is not certain whether a Level I PASSR had been conducted at the resident's evacuating facility, the Level I PASSR could be conducted by the admitting facility during the first few days of admission as part of intake. If there is not enough information to complete a Level I PASSR, the nursing facility would be required to document this in the case files. In addition, Level II evaluations and determinations would not require preadmission when residents are being transferred between NFs. Residents who are transferred would receive a post-admission review, which would be completed as resources become available.

DHS indicates that, while the PASSR level screening flexibilities were included in the CMS blanket waiver, CMS has notified states that they must submit a request to utilize these flexibilities in their 1135 request in order to effectuate them.

Hospital Accreditation Requirements. Allow hospitals that have obtained state licensure but have not yet received accreditation from The Joint Commission to bill Medicaid for the services they provide during the duration of the public health emergency.

Provider Screening and Enrollment Requirements

Provider Application Fees. Waive payment of application fees to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the novel COVID-19 declaration of emergency, whichever is

longer.

Criminal Background Checks. Waive pre-enrollment criminal background checks for Medicare-enrolled providers to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the novel COVID-19 declaration of emergency, whichever is longer.

Site Visits. Waive site visit requirements to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the novel COVID-19 declaration of emergency, whichever is longer.

Revalidation of Medicaid Providers. Suspend provisions that require DHS to revalidate providers who are enrolled as providers in Wisconsin's Medicaid program or otherwise directly impacted by the emergency for 90 days or until the termination of the novel COVID-19 declaration of emergency, whichever is longer.

Licensure Requirements. Waive the requirement that physicians and other health care professionals be licensed in the state in which they are providing services, so long as they have equivalent licensing in another state or are enrolled with Medicare.

Service Authorization and Utilization Controls

Prior Authorization. Authorize DHS to request DHHS to grant temporary authority to waive prior authorization requirements for accessing covered MA state plan and waiver benefits.

Nonemergency Transportation. Expand non-emergency transportation services to allow for reimbursement of any Medicaid eligible individual, additional vendors, transportation for caregivers who provide services to Medicaid members, and meal delivery to Medicaid members.

Administration

Public Notice Requirements. Waive public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to state plan and waiver changes, including notice requirements relating to alternative benefit plans, premiums and cost-sharing, and public notice of changes in statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates.

Tribal Consultations. Modify the tribal consultation timelines specified in the Wisconsin Medicaid state plan, to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health director meeting.

Submission of State Plan Amendment. Modify the requirement to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) by March 31, 2020, to obtain a SPA effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020.

Additional Flexibilities. Simplify program administration by allowing for temporary state plan flexibilities, such as lifting benefit limits, applying targeted rate increases for certain providers, rather than requiring the states go through the state plan amendment submission and approval process. The state would memorialize the temporary state plan changes in formal documentation submitted to CMS.

Timely Filing for Provider Billings. Waive timely filing requirements for billings, which

would permit providers time to implement changes to correct coding and other structural pieces built into their systems and payer ability to adjudicate.

Eligibility

Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Determinations. Expand presumptive eligibility hospitals make to include patients who are over age 65, and disabled individuals.

Electronic Signatures. Allow flexibility for the submission of electronic signatures on behalf of an MA recipient by application assistants if a signature cannot be captured in person.

Managed Care

Initial and Periodic Re-Credentialing. Waive MCO requirements to complete initial and periodic re-credentialing of network providers, as long as the providers meet WI Medicaid provider enrollment requirements during the declaration of emergency.

Extend Pre-Existing Authorizations. Require managed care organizations to extend pre-existing authorizations through which a beneficiary has previously received prior authorization through the termination of the emergency declaration.

Hospital Provisions

Physician Referral. Waive sanctions under section 1877(g) of the Social Security Act, which relates to limitations on physician referral.

Flexibility for Teaching Hospitals. Allow flexibility in how the teaching physician is present with the patient and resident, such as permitting the use of real time-audio video or access through a window.

Flexibility in Equipment Requirements. Authorize the waiver of certain equipment requirements in CMS Hospital Equipment Maintenance Requirements guidance issued in December 20, 2013.

Nursing Homes

Physician Extenders. Create provisions allowing for additional flexibilities to allow for the utilization of physician extenders in place of medical directors and attending physicians, and through telehealth options.

Notice of Transfers. Waive requirements relating to notice of transfers within a facility.

Orientation Prior to for Transfers or Discharge. Waive requirements relating to nursing homes' need to document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents prior to their transfer to another facility or prior to discharge

Bedholds. Waive requirements relating to bedholds (temporary absences of nursing home residents).

In-Service Education. Waive requirements relating to regular in-service education.

Nurse Staffing Information. Waive requirements that nursing homes post certain information on nurse staffing.

Drug Regimen Review. Suspend a requirement that a pharmacist conduct monthly record reviews.

Paid Feeding Assistants. Waive or lessen requirements and set guidelines for training to assist with the COVID-19 crisis.

Maintenance Reviews. Waive the annual and quarterly screening of fire extinguishers or any other annual review of maintenance review.

Nurse Aide Training. Authorize DHS to seek temporary authority to: (a) allow all clinical hours to be online simulation; (b) waive requirements relating to the loss of the nurse aide training and competency evaluation program (NATCEP); and (c) waive requirements for training of paid feeding assistants.

Home Health Agencies. Authorize DHS to seek temporary authority to allow home health agencies to perform certifications, initial assessments and determine patients' homebound status remotely or by record review.

Facility Life Safety Codes. Authorize DHS to seek temporary authority to waive the following life safety codes on behalf of hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and critical access hospitals: (a) as they relate intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; (b) fire alarm systems with approved maintenance and testing programs; (c) testing and maintenance of automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems; (d) inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers.

Authorized Section 1915(c) Appendix K Waiver Provisions

A Section 1915(c) Appendix K waiver amendment would allow Wisconsin to modify its 1915 (c) home and community-based service waivers (Family Care, IRIS, and children's long term support (CLTS)) to respond to the current public health emergency.

This provision would exempt a 1915 (c) Appendix K waiver amendment from the statutory requirements regarding legislative oversight of such a submission by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if the Appendix K submission would:

Allow:

- All waiver services and administrative requirements that that can be provided with the same functional equivalency of face to face services to occur remotely;
- Adult day service providers, prevocational providers and supported employment providers to provide services in alternate settings;

- Up to three meals per day for home delivered meals for Family Care and IRIS enrollees and add home delivered meals as a benefit in the CLTS waiver to support the child and family;
- Any individual with intellectual or developmental disabilities to reside in community based residential facility with greater than eight beds;
- For all waiver services to be provided in temporary settings including congregate settings, private residences, hotels, shelters, schools, and churches;
- Waiver services to be provided temporarily in an acute care hospital or in a short-term institutional stay;
- Payment to be made for waiver services provided in out of state settings;
- General retailers to provide assistive technology and communication aids;
- Providers certified or licensed in other states or by Medicare to perform the same or comparable services in Wisconsin;
- The state Medicaid agency to waive provider qualifications as necessary to increase the pool of available providers;
- Four-year background checks to be delayed;
- Non-certified individuals to provide home delivered meals;
- Parents to be paid caregivers for their minor children in CLTS when providing a service that would otherwise have been performed and paid for by a provider;
- Individuals to train unpaid caregivers;
- The option to conduct evaluations, assessments, and person-centered service planning meetings virtually or remotely in lieu of face-to-face meetings;
- For data entry of incidents into the Incident Reporting System outside of typical timeframes;
- The state Medicaid agency to draw federal financing match for payments, such as hardship or supplemental payments, to stabilize and retain providers who suffer extreme disruptions to their standard business model or revenue streams as a result of COVID-19;
- The state Medicaid agency to waive participant liability for room and board when temporarily sheltered at non-certified or non-licensed facilities;
- The state Medicaid agency to pay for waiver services that are not documented in the member/participant's member-centered plan;
- Managed care enrollees to proceed almost immediately to a state fair hearing without having a managed care plan resolve the appeal first by permitting the state Medicaid agency to

modify the timeline for managed care plans to resolve appeals to one day so the impacted appeals satisfy the exhaustion requirements and give enrollees more time to request a state fair hearing;

- The state Medicaid agency to extend the certification period of level-of-care screeners;
- The state Medicaid agency to waive requirements related to home and community-based settings on a case by case basis in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of affected beneficiaries under federal law;
- Any items approved by CMS for Appendix K to automatically be applicable to Wisconsin's concurrent 1915(b) waiver;
- The state Medicaid agency to waive enrollment or eligibility changes based on a completed functional screen resulting in a change in level-of-care;
- For continued enrollment in CLTS past the age of 18 and 21; and
- The state Medicaid agency to suspend involuntary disenrollments.

Delete:

- The requirement to complete a six month progress report to reauthorize prevocational service;
- The limitation that quotes from at least three providers must be obtained and submitted for home modifications;
- The limitation that supportive home care (SHC) cannot be provided in adult family homes and residential care apartment complexes;
- The limitation of personal/nursing services for recipients in residential care apartment complexes;
- The limitation that participants cannot receive other waiver services on the same day as receiving respite; and
- The limitation of using funds to relocate from an institution or family home to an independent living arrangement.

Modify:

- The scope of the child care benefit to allow for the provision of childcare payment of children under the age of 12 in the program for direct care workers and medical workers who need access to childcare during the emergency;
- By relaxing, prior approval and authorization requirements; and
- The tribal consultation timelines, to allow for consultation at the next future Tribal Health Directors meeting.

Delay:

- Provider licensing or certification reviews.

Expand:

- Transportation providers to include individual and transportation network companies; and
- The pool of available providers by adding nursing students to provide allowable nursing services.

Waive:

- Choice of provider provisions;
- The managed care network adequacy requirements under federal law;
- Requirements to complete initial and required periodic credentialing of network providers;
- The requirement to distribute member-centered plans to essential providers;
- Public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to waiver changes; and
- Timelines and grant leeway for reports, required surveys, and notifications.

Add:

- A verbal and electronic method to signing off on required documents.

3. GRANTS FOR UNREIMBURSED COVID-19 COSTS

Authorize the Department of Health Services to submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance during the 2019-21 biennium for an appropriation supplement to make grants to healthcare providers for unreimbursed costs associated with treatment of patients with COVID-19.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR NURSE AIDES

Prohibit the Department of Health Services from requiring an instructional program for nurse aides in Wisconsin to exceed the federally required minimum total training hours or minimum hours of supervised practical training.

Currently, nurse aides in Wisconsin are required to complete a minimum of 120 total training hours, including 32 hours of supervised practical training. Federal law currently requires nurse aides to complete 75 total training hours, including 16 hours of supervised practical training.

5. HOSPITAL, PRIVATE LABORATORY, AND DHS REPORTING

Require every hospital, isolation facility, and other entity that provides hospitalization (hereafter, "facilities") and private laboratories to submit information to the Department of Health Services (DHS), and require DHS to publicly report information it receives, as described below.

Facility Reporting

Daily Reports. Require every facility to report the following information to DHS daily: (a) the number of new positive COVID-19 test results for individuals working at the facility and for patients; (b) the daily census of COVID-19 patients in the facility; (c) the daily census of presumptive COVID-19 cases in the facility; (d) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, in a bed in the facility's intensive care unit (ICU); and (e) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, who are on ventilators. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Further, beginning on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility and daily thereafter, require each facility to report to DHS the total number of functional ventilators possessed by the facility and, of the number of ventilators the facility possesses, the number of ventilators that are in use and the number of ventilators that are in use by COVID-19 patients or presumptive COVID-19 patients.

Weekly Reports. Require every facility to report the following information on a weekly basis: (a) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a regular hospital bed to a bed in an intensive care unit, and, as applicable, onto a ventilator, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (b) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a bed in an intensive care unit or being on a ventilator to a regular hospital bed, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (c) the number of patients who were confirmed to have COVID-19 and who were released from the facility, including the amount of time each patient spent in the facility. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Private Laboratory Reporting

Require every private laboratory that is testing individuals for COVID-19 to report, on a weekly basis, the number of tests the laboratory is capable of processing and the average amount of time the laboratory takes to produce a result from the time the test has been submitted.

DHS Reporting and Authority to Withhold CARES Act Funds for Noncompliance

DHS Reporting. Beginning April 24, 2020, require DHS to report publicly all of the following: (a) on a daily basis, the information facilities are required to report on a daily basis; (b) on a weekly basis, the information facilities are required to report on a weekly basis; and (c) the daily availability of ventilators in the state, including any ventilators acquired directly by DHS and the data on ventilators that facilities are required to report on a daily basis; and (d) the weekly capacity for testing for COVID-19 in the state, including the data submitted by private laboratories.

Imposition of Penalties for Noncompliance. Authorize DHS to create a metric to allow the

Department to measure compliance with the data reporting requirements and to withhold funding available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) to noncompliant health care providers.

6. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Require the Department of Health Services to develop, under the MA program, a payment system based on performance to incentivize participation in health information data sharing to facilitate better patient care, reduced costs, and easier access to patient information.

Require DHS to establish performance metrics for the payment system that satisfy all of the following: (a) the metric must include participation by providers in a health information exchange at a minimum level of patient record access; (b) the payment under the payment system must increase as the participation level in the health information exchange increases; (c) the payment system must begin in the 2021 rate year; and (d) for purposes of this payment system, require DHS to seek any available federal moneys, including any money available for this purpose under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), to assist small, rural providers with the costs of information technology setup to participate in the health information exchange.

7. SENIORCARE COVERAGE OF VACCINATIONS

Expand the SeniorCare prescription drug assistance program to include coverage of vaccinations that are recommended for administration to adults by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization practices and approved for the administration to adults by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Require DHS to provide reimbursement under SeniorCare for the administration of vaccinations to health care providers, including pharmacies and pharmacists, provided that the enrollee has met the program's deductible requirements or is not required to pay a deductible. Require the Department to use the same method of reimbursement for the ingredient and dispensing fees as is used for vaccinations under the medical assistance program. Require the Department to devise and distribute a claim form for use by health care providers for vaccinations. Authorize DHS to limit payment for vaccinations to claims that are submitted directly to the Department and specify that DHS may apply the same utilization and cost control procedures for vaccinations that apply under the medical assistance program.

Require DHS to seek to enter into rebate agreements with manufacturers who sell vaccines, modeled on current rebate agreements used in the program for prescription drugs. Specify that to the extent that rebate agreements are in place for vaccines, manufacturers must make rebate payments for vaccines for which reimbursement was provided under the SeniorCare program.

SeniorCare is a program administered by DHS that provides assistance with the purchase of prescription drugs for enrollees. To be eligible, enrollees must be at least 65 years old and meet income thresholds. Enrollees with an income exceeding 160% of the federal poverty level must meet a deductible requirements before becoming eligible for program benefits.

INSURANCE

1. NO COST SHARING FOR COVID-19 TESTING DURING 2020

Require any self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, any health insurance policy, and any state health plan that generally covers testing for infectious diseases to provide coverage of testing for COVID-19 without imposing any copayment or coinsurance on the individual covered under the policy or plan, for any such testing done prior to March 13, 2021.

2. PROHIBIT COVERAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON COVID-19

Prohibit any insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or self-insured health plan from using a current or past diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of COVID-19, as the basis for doing the following: (a) establishing rules, applicable to an individual or employer or other group, for eligibility for enrollment, continued eligibility to remain enrolled, or renewal of coverage; (b) canceling coverage during a contract term; (c) establishing rates for coverage; or (d) refusing to grant a grace period for the payment of premium, if a grace period for payment of premium would generally be granted under the plan.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIMITS

Prohibit any health insurance policy, state employee health plan, or self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, or a pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a policy or plan from doing the following during the period covered by the state of emergency related to public health declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72: (a) requiring prior authorization for early refills of a prescription drug or otherwise restrict the period of time in which a prescription drug may be refilled; or (b) imposing a limit on the quantity of prescription drugs that may be obtained if the quantity is no more than a 90-day supply. Specify that these restrictions do not apply to a prescription drug that is classified as a controlled substance by the Controlled Substances Board.

4. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Specify that, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72, any physician or nurse anesthetist for whom Wisconsin is not a principal place of practice but who is authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis, may fulfill the state's practice liability insurance requirements by filing with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance a certificate of insurance for a policy of health care liability insurance issued by an insurer that is authorized in a jurisdiction accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Specify that such a physician or nurse anesthetist may elect, in a manner specified by the Insurance Commissioner by rule, to be subject to the state's liability provisions and the state's injured patients

and families compensation program.

Health care providers are generally required to obtain liability insurance coverage, issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Wisconsin, for \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and for \$3,000,000 for all claims or occurrences in a year. Liabilities in excess of those amounts are paid from the state's injured patients and families compensation program, which is funded from assessments collected on providers. This item would allow out-of-state physicians and nurse anesthetists who are authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis during the declared public health emergency, to satisfy liability insurance requirements with a policy issued by an insurer authorized for business in another state or jurisdiction.

5. LIABILITY FOR PROVIDERS OF HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that any health care professional, health care provider or employee, agent, or contractor of a health care professional is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or any damages caused by actions or omissions taken in providing services to address, or in response to, the COVID-19 outbreak under circumstances that satisfy all of the following conditions: (1) the actions or omissions do not involve reckless or wanton conduct or intentional misconduct; (2) the services are provided during a state of emergency declared by the Governor for the state or part of the state or during a period extending 60 days following the expiration of the state of emergency; and (3) the acts or omissions are substantially consistent with any of the following: (a) any direction, guidance, recommendation, or other statement made by a federal, state, or local official to address the COVID-19 outbreak; or (b) any guidance published by the Department of Health Services, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, or any divisions or agencies of the federal Department of Health and Human Services relied upon in good faith.

Specify that the liability protections established under these provisions do not apply if: (a) current statutory protections indemnifying volunteer practitioners or health care facilities during a public health emergency apply; or (b) current statutory limitations on liability of state or local units of government, or public shelters during a public health emergency apply.

For the purposes of this provision, the term "health care professional" would be defined as an individual who is licensed, registered, or certified by the Medical Examining Board or the Board of Nursing.

6. OUT-OF-NETWORK CHARGES AND PAYMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that, during a state of emergency related to public health declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or by the Governor, any defined network or preferred provider health plan may not require an enrollee to pay, including cost sharing, for a service, treatment, or supply rendered by a provider that is not in the plan's network more than the enrollee would pay if the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an in-network provider, if the following apply: (a) the service, treatment, or supply is related to a diagnosis or treatment for the

condition for which the public health emergency is declared; and (b) the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an out-of-network provider because no in-network provider is available due to the public health emergency. Specify that, in these circumstances, the plan must reimburse the out-of-network provider at 225 percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area.

Specify that, during a declared public health emergency, any health care provider or facility that renders a service, treatment, or supply to an enrollee of a defined network plan or preferred provider plan that does not include the health provider or facility in its network must accept as payment in full any payment that is at least 225 percent of the Medicare rate for a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area. Prohibit the provider from charging the enrollee an amount that exceeds the amount the provider or facility is reimbursed by the defined network plan or preferred provider plan.

Authorize the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate any rules necessary to implement these provisions.

LEGISLATURE

1. LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU CRITERIA AND REPORTING

Specify in a nonstatutory provision that, beginning July 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2021, the Legislative Audit Bureau must use risk-based criteria to review selected programs affected by this proposal and selected expenditures made with funds authorized under this proposal. Further, require the Legislative Audit Bureau to report the results of its reviews at least quarterly to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and to the Legislature. Risk-based criteria could include review of expenditures at or above a certain threshold levels or the review of more recently created statutory programs.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

1. SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Specify that the Department of Public Instruction would not be required to publish school and school district accountability reports for the 2019-20 school year.

Under current law, DPI is required to publish accountability reports annually no later than

November 30. The report cards issued each fall are based on data from assessments administered the previous spring.

2. PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

Specify that current law requiring assessments to be administered annually to pupils attending school in a public school district, independent charter school, private choice school, or special needs scholarship program school would not apply in 2019-20. Current law requires pupils to be given annual reading test in the 3rd grade, as well as assessments adopted by the State Superintendent in the 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Specify that pupil performance on assessments in the 2019-20 could not be considered for the evaluation of teachers and principals under the statewide educator effectiveness system. Under current law, the educator effectiveness system must be based in part upon measures of pupil performance, including performance on state assessments.

Modify statutory language under the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) to accommodate a one-year lapse in administering statewide assessments and publishing accountability reports. Under current law, a school district is subject to an OSPP if it is placed in the lowest performance category in the school district accountability reports published in the three previous school years; no districts currently meet those criteria.

3. VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION REPORTS

Require school boards to submit a report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by November 1, 2020, regarding virtual instruction provided during the public health emergency in the 2019-20 school year during which public schools are closed by the Department of Health Services. The report would be required to include the following: (a) whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the public health emergency, and, if so, in which grades it was implemented; (b) if virtual instruction was implemented, the process for implementing the virtual instruction; (c) for each grade level, the average percentage of the 2020 spring semester instruction that was provided to pupils, including both in-person and virtual instruction; (d) whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help pupils learn content that they missed because of the public health emergency and, if so, what was provided to pupils; (e) recommendations for best practices for transitioning to and providing virtual instruction when schools are closed; (f) any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing virtual instruction during the public health emergency; (g) by position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the public health emergency; (h) the number of lunches the school board provided during the public health emergency; and (i) the total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during or because of the public health emergency in each of the following categories: utilities, transportation, food service, personnel (including reductions resulting from layoffs), and contract terminations. For purposes of the report, virtual instruction would include any instruction provided through means of the Internet, if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the instruction are geographically remote from each other.

Require DPI to compile and submit the information received from the school board reports to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature no later than January 1, 2021.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Specify that current law requiring a private school participating in a choice program to provide at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6 and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12 would not apply in the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, specify that the hours of instruction required for an institution to be defined as a private school would not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under current law, an institution must meet certain criteria to be considered a private school, including providing at least 875 annual hours of instruction.

5. STATEWIDE PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT DATES

Specify that the enrollment period for pupils who wish to participate in the statewide private school choice program in the 2020-21 school year could extend up to 60 days after the last day of the public health emergency. Require participating private schools to submit to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) the number of pupils who have applied to attend the public school and the names of those applicants whose siblings have also applied to attend the private school within 14 days after the close of the enrollment period.

Under current law, the application period for the statewide choice program extends from the first weekday in February to the third Thursday in April, and schools must submit applicant information to DPI by the first weekday in May. For the 2020-21 school year, the final application period for pupils attending a private school under the Racine program ends on September 14, 2020, and the final application period for Milwaukee pupils ends on January 5, 2021.

REVENUE

1. PROPERTY TAX INTEREST PAYMENTS

For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, waive any interest charges and penalties for late payment, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are delinquent after October 1, 2020, interest charges and penalties would begin accruing as of October 1, 2020.

2. INTEREST AND PENALTIES DUE ON TAXES OWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Permit the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to waive interest and penalties for persons that owe, but fail to remit, general fund taxes, or taxes or fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, by the filing date if, in the Secretary's determination, that person failed to timely remit those taxes due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak of 2020. Specify that the Secretary must make this determination on a case-by-case basis. Specify that this provision applies only to general fund taxes, or taxes and fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, with filing dates that fall within, and interest and penalties that accrue during, the public health emergency that was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of time authorized under a joint resolution by the Legislature.

3. INCOME AND FRANCHISE TAX FILING EXTENSION

President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak on March 13, 2020. Following this declaration, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 21, 2020, that the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers who make estimated income tax payments that would otherwise be due on April 15 can make such payments by July 15 without incurring any interest or penalties, regardless of amounts owed by a taxpayer. A taxpayer need not file any additional forms in order to qualify for this extended due date.

Wisconsin law provides similar treatment such that state income and franchise taxpayers with tax filing due dates of April 15, 2020, will have until July 15, 2020, to file their state income or franchise tax returns for tax year 2019, or make their first tax year 2020 estimated payment, without interest, penalty, or underpayment interest applying until that date.

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Specify that a health care provider credential, as defined below, is not subject to renewal, or any other conditions for renewal, including continuing education, and remains valid during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, and continuing for 60 days after the end of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension. Specify that these changes are notwithstanding the Department's general statutory authority and requirements relating to notice of renewals; renewal dates, fees, and applications; and late renewals, as well as the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, but subject to any professional discipline imposed on the credential.

Specify that a renewal that occurs subsequent to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, is not subject to the statutory late renewal fee if the application to renew the credential is received before the next applicable renewal date. Notwithstanding the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, the applicable credentialing board may, for that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from, or reduction of, continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

Definition. For these purposes, define a "health care provider credential" to mean any credential issued under the following state statutory chapters: Board of Nursing (ch. 441); Dentistry Examining Board (ch. 447); Medical Practices (ch. 448); Pharmacy Examining Board (ch. 450); Psychology Examining Board (ch. 455); Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy (ch. 460); or Radiographers and Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (ch. 462).

2. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR FORMER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DURING THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Authorize the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to grant temporary credentials to certain former health care providers during the state public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, as follows.

Issuance of Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS; and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Require DSPS to notify the health care provider if DSPS denies the provider's application for a temporary emergency credential.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under these provisions may provide services for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Require any health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential under these provisions to maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this provision expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Authority to Waive Credential Fees. Provide that, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, DSPS may waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social

workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. For these purposes, define "health care provider" to mean an individual who was at any time within the previous five years, but is not currently, any of the following, if the individual's credential was never revoked, limited, suspended, or denied renewal: (a) licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) licensed as a dentist under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) licensed as a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist under ch. 448 or certified as a respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d) licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) licensed as a psychologist under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

Define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate; and (b) "department" to mean DSPS.

3. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES

Authorize DSPS to grant temporary credentials to certain health care providers from other states during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency, as follows.

Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider, as defined below, if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS, and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Authorize DSPS to determine the appropriate scope of review of the background of a health care provider who applies for a temporary credential under this paragraph. Require that if DSPS denies a health care provider's application for a temporary credential under this section, DSPS must notify the health care provider of the reason for the denial.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under this paragraph may provide services for which the health care.

Require that a health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential granted under these provisions, must maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the

requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of the Temporary Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this paragraph expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Fee Waiver. Notwithstanding the Department's authority to require standard fees for initial credentialing and examinations and the applicable fee provisions in state statute, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, authorize DSPS to waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. Define "health care provider" to mean an individual who holds a valid, unexpired license, certificate, or registration granted by another state or territory that authorizes or qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as the acts that any of the following are licensed or certified to perform: (a) a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) a dentist licensed under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist licensed under ch. 448 or a respiratory care practitioner certified under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d) a pharmacist licensed under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) a psychologist licensed under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

In addition define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate and (b) "department" to mean the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

4. PRESCRIPTION ORDER EXTENSIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Expand the manner in which a pharmacist can extend a prescription order. Specify that if a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription to be refilled and the prescription cannot be refilled under current state statutes governing initial fills and refills, the pharmacist may, subject to certain statutory conditions, extend the existing prescription order and dispense the drug to the patient, if the pharmacist has not received and is not aware of written or oral instructions from the prescribing practitioner prohibiting further dispensing pursuant to or extension of the prescription order.

Prohibit a pharmacist from extending a prescription order under this section if: (a) a prescribing practitioner has indicated, by writing on the face of the prescription order or, with

respect to a prescription order transmitted electronically, by designating in electronic format the phrase "No extensions," or words of similar meaning; (b) the prescription is for a drug that is a controlled substance; or (c) if a prescription order was previously extended for that particular patient during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension of that public health emergency.

Further, prohibit a pharmacist acting under this provision from extending a prescription order to dispense more than a 30-day supply of the prescribed drug, except that if the drug is typically packaged in a form that requires a pharmacist to dispense the drug in a quantity greater than a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may extend the prescription order as necessary to dispense the drug in the smallest quantity in which it is typically packaged.

Require that a pharmacist, at the earliest reasonable time after acting under this provision, notify the prescribing practitioner or his or her office. However, specify that the pharmacist is not required to attempt to procure a new prescription order or refill authorization for the drug by contacting the prescribing practitioner or his or her office prior to acting under this provision. Authorize the pharmacist, after acting under this provision, to notify the patient or other individual that any further refills will require the authorization of a prescribing practitioner.

Specify that the authority granted under this provision applies only during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the governor, including any extension. During that time, clarify that this paragraph supersedes existing circumstances under which a pharmacist may extend a prescription order to the extent of any conflict.

5. AUTOPSIES AND CREMATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS WHO DIED OF COVID-19

For the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, specify that:

- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner may issue a cremation permit to cremate the corpse of that deceased person without viewing the corpse;
- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner must issue, within 48 hours after the time of death, a cremation permit for the cremation of a corpse of a deceased person;
- If the underlying cause of a death is determined to be COVID-19, the person required to sign the death certificate must provide an electronic signature on the death certificate within 48 hours after the death occurs; and
- If an individual dies of COVID-19 while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual may be performed by any coroner or medical examiner in this state.

Define "COVID-19" to mean an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Under current law, a coroner or medical examiner must view the corpse of a deceased person before issuing a cremation permit, and the corpse may not be cremated within 48 hours after the death unless the death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease.

Further, under current law, if an individual dies while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual must be performed by the coroner or medical examiner of the county where the death occurred.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAITING WEEK

Provide that the waiting week requirement under current law would not apply with respect to benefit years that begin on or after March 12, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, and before January 3, 2021. Require the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to seek the maximum amount of federal reimbursement for benefits that are payable for the first week of a claimant's benefit year as a result of the application of this provision.

The CARES Act provides 100% federal funding of the first week of regular UI benefits for states with no waiting week through December 31, 2020, plus administrative expenses incurred to implement this provision. Under the Act, states may enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) for this funding if the state law, including a waiver of state law, provides that compensation is paid to individuals for their first week of regular unemployment without a waiting week. A state-federal agreement would apply to weeks of unemployment beginning after the date on which the agreement is entered into and ending on December 31, 2020. An agreement implementing this and other UI-related provisions of the CARES Act was signed by the DWD Secretary and USDOL on March 28, 2020.

Under current law, the claimant's waiting period is the first week of a claimant's benefit year for which the claimant is otherwise eligible for regular benefits. During a claimant's waiting period, no benefits are payable to the claimant. The waiting period does not affect a claimant's maximum benefit amount, which is 26 weeks of regular state benefits. However, claimants who do not reach the state's 26-week limit effectively receive one less week of benefits due to the waiting week requirement. A claimant must serve one waiting week per benefit year.

2. NON-CHARGING EMPLOYER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNTS

Require the Department of Workforce Development, when processing claims for

unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and evaluating work-share plans, to determine whether a claim or plan is related to the public health emergency (PHE) declared by the governor under Executive Order #72.

Provide that if a claim or plan is related to a PHE, regular benefits for that claim for weeks occurring after March 12, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, not be charged to an employer's UI account as normally provided. Instead, under the provision, UI benefits for those weeks would be charged to either: (a) the balancing account of the UI Trust Fund for contribution employers; or (b) DWD's existing interest and penalties account for reimbursable employers that are not subject to contribution requirements.

Under the provision, PHE non-charging provisions would not apply: (a) if the employer fails to timely and adequately provide any information required by the department; (b) to any benefits paid or reimbursed by the federal government, including the portion of any benefits reimbursed by the federal government for reimbursable employers; (c) to a claim for regular benefits that is a combined wage claim; (d) to work-share benefits reimbursed by the federal government; or (e) to certain benefits chargeable based on employment with the federal government.

Under current law, some UI benefit payments are not charged to a specific employer's account but are instead charged to the balancing account. The state's UI balancing account is supported by the solvency tax paid by employers and any interest earned on the state's UI trust fund balance. There are seven basic categories of benefit payments charged to the balancing account: 10% write-offs, quits, misconduct, substantial fault, continued employment, approved training, and second benefit year. In the past, there have been other benefit programs that have been charged to the balancing account, including in 2002 when state temporary supplemental benefits were charged to the account.

3. WORK SHARE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Temporarily suspend, from the effective date of the provision through December 31, 2020, certain requirements of voluntary work-share plans submitted by employers, including: (a) the requirement that a work-share plan be limited to a particular work unit of the employer; (b) the requirement that the reduction in working hours under a work-share program must be at least 10% but not more than 50% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under the plan; (c) the requirements that at least 10% of the employees in a work unit be included in a work-share plan, and that the employer provide for initial coverage under the plan of at least 20 positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program; and (d) the requirement that reduced working hours be apportioned equitably among employees in the work-share program.

Specify that, during the suspension period: (a) work-share plans cover any employees of the employer; (b) the permissible reduction in working hours under a work-share program be not more than 60% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under a work-share plan; and (c) work-share plans cover at least two positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program.

Require the Department to allow employers to submit applications under this section using

an online form, and require DWD to assist employers with submitting applications and developing work-share plans.

Allow the DWD Secretary to waive compliance with any temporary change required under this provision if the Secretary determines that the waiver of the requirement is necessary to permit continued federal certification of the state's UI program, or is necessary for the state to qualify for full federal financial participation in the cost of administration of the state's work-share program and in the financing of UI benefits to employees participating in the work-share program.

Work-share programs, which are also called "short-term compensation programs" under federal law, are designed to provide a prorated unemployment benefit for employees of employers who voluntarily make an agreement with the state to reduce work hours instead of laying off workers. For states that currently have a federally approved work-share program, like Wisconsin, the CARES Act would provide 100% federally funded UI benefits through December 31, 2020. Under current law, Wisconsin's work-share program is funded entirely through the employer's UI account.

4. EMPLOYEE RECORDS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Provide that during the period covered by a state of emergency related to a public health emergency declared by the Governor, an employer is not required to provide an employee's personnel records within seven working days after an employee makes a request to inspect his or her personnel records, and an employer is not required to provide the inspection at a location reasonably near the employee's place of employment during normal working hours.

The statutes provide an employee or former employee has a right, with some exceptions, to inspect an employer's personnel documents that are used or have been used to determine the employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, termination or other disciplinary action, as well as view the employer's medical records of the employee. An employee may make such a request up to two times each calendar year. The provision would suspend, only during a public health emergency, the application of the two requirements described that employers must otherwise follow in accommodating an inspection request.

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[Please consider publishing this Op-ed from Van Wanggaard about Marsy's Law](#)

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Anyone can become a victim of crime, and each day in our state, innocent people are subjected to terrible acts against them that change their lives forever. If surviving the crime isn't tough enough, victims then have to navigate a criminal justice system that can make them feel like they are the ones on trial.

As a police officer with 30 years' experience, and as a crime victim myself, I know firsthand how good people can be harmed in unthinkable ways only to feel shut out when they needed support the most. It was that background that led me to champion the effort to amend Wisconsin's constitution to give strong, enforceable rights to victims of crime, commonly known as Marsy's Law for Wisconsin. Just like criminal defendants have strong constitutional rights, so should crime victims.

There are several sections in our state Constitution protecting the rights of the accused, as there should be. The proposed amendment simply puts the victims of crime on a more equal playing field with those accused of committing crimes.

Wisconsin was one of the first states to protect victims in its constitution. However, in the decades since Wisconsin adopted its victim rights amendment, other states have passed us by, providing stronger and additional rights. Our proposed amendment strengthens and builds upon some of the Wisconsin constitutional rights. For example, victims now have the right to be heard at disposition. If we adopt this proposal that constitutional right to be heard is expanded to proceedings like release and plea hearings. Why shouldn't a victim's voice be heard any time a judge is considering conditions for release?

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin also takes some well-established statutory provisions and elevates them to a Constitutional level – such as requiring a court to consider the complete impact of the crime on the victim when reviewing the case. This is important because when a victim's statutory rights are being considered in a courtroom they are often trumped by the constitutional rights of the accused. By including the right of the victim in the Constitution, we can ensure the judge has to treat the right of victim equal to the right of the accused.

Notice that I didn't say the right of the victim was *greater* than the accused. That wouldn't be fair either. No rights are taken away from anyone, including criminal defendants, in this amendment. Instead we just want victims to have rights that are treated equally under the law to those of the criminal defendant. In fact, we even added specific language to the proposed amendment that says: *"This section is not intended and may not be interpreted to supersede a defendant's federal constitutional rights."*

One of the provisions of the proposed amendment gives victims is the simple right to know their rights. Nearly everyone can recite an accused person's rights. "You have the right to remain silent..." Crime victims should know their rights too. Maybe most importantly, Marsy's Law for Wisconsin will give crime victims the constitutional right to enforce his or her rights in court – something our current constitution does not have.

As the Senate author of the proposed amendment, I am proud of all the work we put into getting the language right. Amending the Wisconsin constitution is a long and arduous process – as it should be. The effort to strengthen victims' constitutional rights began back in in late 2016 when we started working with then-Attorney General Brad Schimel and the Office of Crime Victim Services. We then sought input from criminal justice stakeholders including district attorneys, victim service agencies, police chiefs, sheriffs and even the Public Defender's Office. We did countless hours of hearings and meeting. The end result of all of those conversations is

a proposal uniquely written for Wisconsin victims. It is so “Wisconsin-centric” that the proposal that passed the Legislature with broad support from the most conservative members of our body to even some of the liberal ones. And I am incredibly proud the over 400 endorsements from law enforcement, victims’ advocacy groups and crime survivors.

Please get your absentee ballot today and don't forget to vote yes on additional rights for crime victims.

Van Wanggaard is a State Senator and former Racine Police Officer.

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Y'all seem to know a lot more about this issue than me, so I wanted to be sure you saw it.

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Good Afternoon,

For your information, the Department of Natural Resources submitted the attached scope statement to the Legislative Reference Bureau on this date. The scope statement is related to the proposed permanent and emergency rules WA-06-20(E) and WA-07-20, which create ch. NR 159 relating to regulating fire fighting foam.

Regards,

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STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Department of Natural Resources

Rule No.: WA-06-20 (E) and WA-07-20

Relating to: Creation of chapter NR 159 to promulgate rules relating to regulating fire fighting foam that contains certain contaminants.

Rule Type: Both Permanent and Emergency

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

2019 Wisconsin Act 101 (Act 101) directs the Department of Natural Resources (department) to promulgate an emergency rule under s. 299.48 (5), Wis. Stats.

Section 2(1) of Act 101 states that the department shall promulgate rules under s. 299.48 (5), Wis. Stats., no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection. Emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in effect until 3 years after the effective date, or the date on which permanent rules take effect. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1)(a) and (3), Wis. Stats., the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection. Section 2(1) of Act 101 took effect on the day after publication, which was February 6, 2020. Emergency rules must be promulgated no later than September 7, 2020.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule(s) is to implement and administer s. 299.48, Wis. Stats., related to regulating fire fighting foam containing intentionally added poly- and per-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are highly resistant to degradation and have been detected globally in water, soil, air, sediment, human blood serum, fish and wildlife. This persistence in the environment is of concern, as PFAS have documented health effects as animal and epidemiological studies have suggested probable links to several diseases and cancer. In Wisconsin, PFAS have been detected in drinking water, groundwater, surface water, soil, sediments, air, fish and wildlife near sources of industrial use, manufacturing, and known discharges of fire fighting foam to the environment. The primary objective of this rule is to limit the use or discharge of a Class B fire fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS in order to mitigate and prevent discharges of PFAS to the environment.

The development of these rules, within ch. NR 159 (new), Wis. Adm. Code, would address: the prohibition of discharges of these foams for training exercises; clarify recordkeeping; responsibilities for notifications of discharges to the environment; address the exemptions for

emergency fire fighting or fire prevention operations; and what is considered appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal or storage measures for testing purposes of these foams.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Existing or new policies relevant to the rule:

PFAS is an emerging contaminant, and as such, there is minimal existing policy specifically related to PFAS in Wisconsin. The DNR is aware of approximately 30 PFAS-contaminated sites in Wisconsin where the DNR is requiring the responsible parties to investigate and clean up contamination, the most common source of the PFAS contamination being PFAS fire fighting foam. At the request of the DNR, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) reviewed scientific literature and recommended health-based groundwater enforcement standards of 20 ppt for PFOA and PFOS individually and combined. The DNR is currently undertaking rulemaking to promulgate these standards.

DNR was directed by the Wisconsin legislature to conduct a survey of fire departments in the 2019-21 biennial budget. DNR has been partnering with local fire departments, commercial airports, state fire associations, and educational institutions to share information and gather data for the survey. DNR is in the midst of the survey, and should have results in late spring to help the state understand how many fire departments may use fire fighting foam with PFAS and the quantity of foam they may have on hand that they would like to properly dispose of.

This rule would build upon existing regulations and assist with implementation of new policies proposed in Act 101, including to determine appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal or storage measures for class B fire fighting foam testing facilities.

Policy alternatives:

There are no identified policy alternatives. Act 101 directs the department to use the procedure under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., to promulgate rules under s. 299.48 (5), Wis. Stats., both emergency and permanent.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

The statutory authority for developing regulations for fire fighting foam containing PFAS is as follows:

2019 Wisconsin Act 101 created s. 299.48, Wis. Stats., to regulate fire fighting foam that contains certain contaminants and to grant rule-making authority to the department of Natural Resources. Specifically, s. 299.48 (5), Wis. Stats., states that the department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section, including to determine appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal or storage measures for testing facilities under sub. (3)(b).

Additional authority for pollution prevention activities is under s. 299.13, Wis. Stats.; authority to require department notification of fire fighting foam use is under s. 299.48(3m), Wis. Stats.; and clarifications to DNR authority to require notification of a discharge of a hazardous substance (including PFAS) is under s. 292.11, Wis. Stats.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

The estimated staff time needed to develop the emergency and permanent rules is approximately 800 hours. This includes staff time needed to address the full public input process, develop the economic impact analysis, conduct outreach to stakeholders, and coordinate agency reviews for the permanent rules.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

The proposed rule would apply to all entities involved with the manufacture, testing or use of the fire fighting foams, as outlined below:

Fire fighting entities: This rule would apply to fire fighting entities, public and private, which may include municipal fire departments, private businesses and commercial airports engaged in the use of emergency fire fighting or fire prevention operations that use class B (foam designed for use on flammable liquid fires, and may include dual action Class A and Class B foam) fire fighting foam with intentionally added PFAS. These entities would be required to notify the department of all discharges (use) to the environment immediately or as soon as practicable without hindering operations. Training with the use of this foam will be prohibited under Act 101 seven months after the effective date of the law. These entities may consider replacing class B fire fighting foam containing PFAS with another product that does not contain PFAS.

Foam and foam equipment manufacturing, installation, and testing entities: These entities would be required to implement appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal or storage measures to prevent discharges of the foam to the environment during testing of the foam or its equipment.

Public and private facilities that have installed fixed foam systems or that store fire fighting foam to be used for fire suppression: These facilities would need to determine the type of fire fighting foam used in fire suppression systems and ensure only testing or use for emergency fire fighting is conducted if the system contains class B fire fighting foam with PFAS. Any other use, training, or testing would be prohibited. These facilities may consider replacing Class B fire fighting foam containing PFAS with another product that does not contain PFAS.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

The federal Defense Authorization Act of 2020 specifies in section 323 that PFAS fire fighting foam may only be released for purposes of an emergency response. A non-emergency release of PFAS foam may be made for the purposes of testing of equipment or training of personnel, if complete containment, capture, and proper disposal mechanisms are in place to ensure no foam is released into the environment. It also requires the military to develop a fluorine-free foam specification by January 31, 2023, and sets a deadline for banning the use on military bases in the future. The law establishes guidelines for the proper disposal of fire fighting foam at military sites, and directs the military to develop guidance to address these issues.

State definitions of "environmental pollution" and "discharge" of a "hazardous substance" are not the same as the definition of a hazardous substance in the federal Superfund law and in some other states' laws. When discharged to the environment, PFAS compounds meet the definitions of a hazardous substance and/or environmental pollution under state statutes ([s. 292.01, Wis. Stats.](#)). There is no comparative federal law that prohibits the use or discharge of class B fire fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have an economic impact on small businesses):

The anticipated economic impact of the emergency and permanent rules is moderate (less than \$5,000,000 per year) based on the following assumptions:

- Minimal cost and time required for a person who discharges fire fighting foam to the environment to use existing department notification systems.
- Although not required, many entities and facilities may choose to replace class B fire fighting foam with one that does not contain PFAS. Based on legislative hearing testimony provided by the Wisconsin Fire Chief's Association, the cost to collect and dispose of fire fighting foam and related wash waters from fire trucks and equipment was conservatively approximated to be \$50 per gallon, and the cost of replacement foam was approximated to be \$35 per gallon.
- The total amount of class B fire fighting foam containing PFAS in the state is currently unknown. However, the department will have an estimate of foam currently housed at fire departments from survey results expected in April 2020. A similar 2018 survey estimated over 36,000 gallons in Michigan. Because Michigan has a larger number of fire departments, the total quantity in Wisconsin is expected to be less.

The rule may have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Wis. Stats. The anticipated total economic impact of this rule (moderate impact) includes the estimated small business impact. The department will engage small business and business affiliated associations during the solicitation and development of the economic impact analysis period of this rule.

9. Anticipated number, month and locations of public hearings:

The department anticipates hosting informal public listening sessions to gather input throughout the rule drafting process for both the emergency and permanent rules, with opportunities for stakeholders around the state to submit comments in writing.

The department anticipates holding a public hearing for the emergency rule in the month of October 2020. The hearing will be conducted in Madison with opportunities for stakeholders around the state to connect to the Madison hearing via teleconference or video conference, and will allow for hearing comments to be submitted in writing.

The department will also hold a public hearing for the permanent rule in the month of December 2020. The hearing will be conducted in Madison with opportunities for stakeholders around the state to connect to the Madison hearing via teleconference or video conference, and will allow for hearing comments to be submitted in writing.

Contact Person: Kate Strom Hiorns, Solid Waste Section Chief, Bureau of Waste & Materials Management; PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921; Phone: 608-261-8449
kathrynm.stromhiorns@wisconsin.gov

Preston D. Cole, Secretary

Date Submitted

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:43 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Ohio EO

From: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Ohio EO

Chiefs,
FYI – here is Ohio's EO that defines essential vs non-essential businesses:
<https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/stayathomeorder-1584906494.pdf>
-Dan

From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:05 PM EDT

To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: FW: Open Records Request

If you haven't deleted any emails from WILL lately, we have an open records request for things you did NOT delete from the beginning of the year until now.

Please send me anything you have ASAP so I can go back to deleting WILL's emails.

From: David Armiak <darmiak@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:32 PM

To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Open Records Request

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's open records law, I request access to and a copy of all records that pertain to the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty (WILL), including the following WILL employees:

- Rick Esenberg
- CJ Szafir
- Luke Berg
- Will Flanders
- Anthony LoCoco
- Don Daugherty
- Brian McGrath
- Mike Fischer

The scope of this request includes the Senator and his staff. The scope of this request should include but is not limited to emails, attachments, both sent and received, all draft records, briefing books, memos, notes, minutes, scheduling records, text messages, other correspondence (internal and external) and all other records.

The search for records may be limited to those sent and received between January 1, 2020 and the date of your final response.

Please note that this request includes all emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as any other private email accounts or applications, such as Dropbox, GoogleDocs, ALEC Connect, or the Briefing Room, that have been used for official business. This request also includes any and all records available through a web hyperlink. Note: once viewed online, downloaded, printed, or otherwise in your possession, these materials become a public document subject to state public records law.

I request that these records be provided in electronic form in their native format. The Center for Media & Democracy is a non-profit public-interest organization, and the disclosure of the materials requested here would be in the public interest, greatly benefiting public understanding of the workings of government. As such a waiver of any fees is requested. If the waiver is not granted, we agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20.

If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify us. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

If you choose to deny this request in whole or part, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s). As allowed by Wisconsin law, please provide all portions of releasable material, even if there is redacted material on the page or record.

Lastly, please acknowledge receipt of this message.

All the best,

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:55 PM EDT
To: Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Public Health Emergency

FYI

From: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Health Emergency

Hi Scott,

Clearly, the statute, s. 323.10, contemplates only the legislature having the power to extend. If the governor could simply issue a new order that would render the statute of no effect. My view is that the governor cannot simply issue a new order relating to the same public health emergency.

Note, though, that DHS Secretary has independent powers under s. 252.02 to do a lot of what is already happening in terms of closing schools, businesses, and prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 or more. She could continue to do that without state of emergency.

Rick

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public Health Emergency

Hi Rick –

Is there anything in law preventing Governor Evers from extending the Public Health Emergency beyond 60 days by simply issuing a new order? That is, rather than extending the existing order, he declares a new emergency?

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:30 PM EDT
To: justin.phillips@wedc.org <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: FW: Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Hi Justin –

Who can this man talk to get fast tracked in the 2020 program or something similar?

From: Jim Henke <jhenke4737@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; rpederson2 <rpederson2@wi.rr.com>
Subject: Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Van, I am reaching out to you and your staff to provide me some assistance to fast track my SBA application for Ferraro's Pizza.

I am working directly with Community State Bank as well, but we need to fast track this application.

I believe my business fits having less then 20 full time/part time employees and less then \$2 million in revenue - allowing a maximum of \$20,000 as a grant (forgivable).

Please call me at 262-939-0623 so we can discuss.

I am trying to get the business open and operating during these times.

Thank you.

Rob Pederson - Ferraro's Pizza

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:57 AM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Safety Concerns

Maybe you could give this guy a call....tell him what you saw...

From: Eric McGaughey <eric.s.mcgaughey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Safety Concerns

Good morning Mr. Senator,

I called and emailed you yesterday and hope you will be able to get back to me. A friend that was the chair of the Republican party for Racine County passed away from COVID-19. Do you feel that it is safe for us to go to our polling station today? My wife and I are concerned that we are needing to choose between health and safety and our right to vote.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you and your family are staying safe.

Thanks,

Eric McGaughey
3229 Chatham St.
262-994-8863

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eric McGaughey** <eric.s.mcgaughey@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Safety Concerns
To: <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Good afternoon Mr. Senator,

I just left you a voicemail, but wanted to follow up via email as many of us are working remotely. I am a concerned for the safety of my family and wanted to get your thoughts.

Tomorrow's election was postponed in 15 states due to COVID-19. Do you feel that it is safe for all of us to go to our polling station tomorrow as scheduled? Are they sanitizing the voting booths and writing information between each voter? I had a friend die from this right here in town and these are scary times.

Can you give me your personal assurance that we should indeed show up to vote as we would in any other election?

I thank you for your feedback!

Eric McGaughey
3229 Chatham St.
(262) 994-8863

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:34 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: SCJ Doubles Commitment to Slow the Spread of COVID-19
[For the Newsletter...](#)

From: Berlinski, Heather B. <HBBerlin@scj.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SCJ Doubles Commitment to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Senator Wanggaard –

As you know, SC Johnson has a longstanding commitment to charitable giving and we feel very proud to be able to help contribute necessary resources to assist in overcoming this public health challenge.

Today, I am pleased to share with you our [announcement](#) this morning highlighting SC Johnson's continued philanthropic commitments to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Today's announcement doubles our original commitment to COVID-19 relief efforts from **\$5 million to \$10 million**. The commitment will include both product and financial donations to support urgent public needs and those who are on the front lines of this fight.

Our commitment also includes a new partnership with [Save the Children](#). The objective of this partnership is to enable our generation to better protect themselves and their communities from public health threats. Our partnership will support global programs that educate the youth about good personal hygiene and handwashing practices that can slow the transmission of disease such as COVID-19, as well as efforts to help families overcome the effects of this pandemic.

Additional information about our philanthropic efforts and new partnership with Save the Children can be found on Twitter and Facebook [@SCJohnson](#) and via our CEO's Twitter page [@HFiskJohnson](#).



Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our communities safe and resilient during this challenging time.



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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:07 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: State Parks/right to assemble

Seems like a good one to call.

From: melissa manley <manleyfamily06@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State Parks/right to assemble

Hello,

I am extremely concerned with our separation of church and state language in the constitution. We at a single moment in WI, have given our right to assemble away.

The government has told us church services are non essential and liquor stores are. We have the right to meet and we need to defend that right. Most of us will adhere to the warnings and not attend a service anyway but that should be our decision the decision of the people. The government must not and cannot continue to tell free Americans that they do have the right to assemble
AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

I am extremely concerned that the governor is prohibiting our rights. Even not allowing us to assemble in the parking lots, at safe distances.

Why is he closing all the parks? We need an outlet to walk/run and enjoy nature during these times.

Thank you, Melissa Manley

5510 Willowview Rd Racine WI 53402

847-502-3637

On Apr 9, 2020, at 1:33 PM, Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Van Wanggaard (21st Senate District). We appreciate hearing from you.

If you did not remember to include your full name, address and telephone number, [please resend your email and include this information.](#)

While this email account is monitored, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, responses may be delayed. If this is urgent, or [if you need an immediate response, please call the office at 608-266-1832](#) and someone will try to assist you.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of State Senator Van Wanggaard.

Visit us online at: [Click](#).

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:28 PM EDT
To: vvanggaard@gmail.com <vvanggaard@gmail.com>; Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Time to Talk
FYI

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

If you have not already seen it, here is an updated FAQ from the Governor's office that specifically mentions that shooting ranges are essential businesses. We will have one of our assistant attorneys general reach out to the DA in Waukesha County to make sure they are aware of this. If this continues to be an issue please be sure to let me know, and please thank Sen. Wanggaard for bringing it to Josh's attention.

Thanks!

Chris

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Safer%20at%20Home%20FAQ%203.31.20.pdf>

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From: McKinny, Christopher J. <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Thanks. If you hear of any others can you please let me know? I'll be in touch soon on this.

Chris

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From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:34:21 PM
To: McKinny, Christopher J. <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

As of Friday night, yes.

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Great-thanks Scott. So are all of those range's currently closed?

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From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:17 PM
To: McKinny, Christopher J.
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

Looks like just Waukesha County from my list..
Waukesha Gun Club
Boxhorn Gun Club
Lakeview Gun Club
Schultz Gun Club
McMiller Gun Club

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

Was it Waukesha and Ozaukee counties that this was an issue? Thanks!

Chris

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From: McKinny, Christopher J.

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:07:31 PM

To: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Josh just called me about a message he received from Sen. Wanggaard-I just wanted to follow-up with you on it. Do you have some time to talk? My work cell is 608-224-9207. Thanks!

Chris

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:38 AM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

Hi John –

See below. She needs to speak with a claims specialist, but you've disconnected the phones. What is she supposed to do?

Thanks

Scott

From: Sarah Sherman <sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

To Whom It May Concern,

I worked as a temporary employee for IMS (Integrated Merchandising Solutions) through Hatch Staffing Services for approximately a month. On Monday, March 16th employees of IMS were instructed to work from home. As I am a temporary employee, the instruction did not apply to me and I was sent home for the foreseeable future. IMS expressed their hopes that I would return to finish my temporary assignment with them once their employees are permitted to work from their premises again.

In the meanwhile, Hatch Staffing Services has not found another assignment for me. I have submitted an application for unemployment benefits from lack of work due to COVID-19, but my application is unable to proceed further as I've been instructed to call DWD and speak with a claims specialist. As of at least Thursday, March 19th I am no longer able to contact unemployment services by phone as the state has decommissioned the phone lines.

I am in need of your assistance in figuring out my next steps. Due to COVID-19 I am currently unable to work and the current state of my unemployment application has left me in a position where I am unable to earn any income. What can be done about this?

Sincerely,

Sarah Sherman
262-308-6437
sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:59 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Update on State Park Operations

FYI –

We got the same response from the Gov's office that Nass did

From: Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans <AllSenGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update on State Park Operations

Mr. Madden:

Thank you for your response and I request you share my response with Governor Evers.

I hope the Governor and other officials in the administration understand the closing of 40 state parks for dubious reasoning at best is only one flashpoint in a growing revolt to how the Covid-19 response has been handled in Wisconsin. This week has been a turning point in how the public now views some of the decisions made by this administration under the Governor's Emergency Declaration and the uneven exercise of those emergency powers. Let me summarize just a few of those actions from the last week:

- State Supreme Court blocks Governor Evers' improper exercise of emergency powers to stop the spring election.
- Department of Health Services issues improper guidance to local public health agencies to intimidate churches and religious entities from legally following the options available under the actual wording of the Safer At Home Order.
- A state economist for DWD announces Wisconsin may already be at 27% unemployment and we hear the sound of crickets from administration officials regarding this economic calamity.
- Department of Health Services Secretary-Designee Palm continues to promote excessive levels of fear by utilizing state modeling to defend certain decisions rather than balance the state's message with actual daily data that is significantly below state modeling.
- Department of Health Services officials in a meeting with legislators defended their desire to see emergency powers and Safer at Home restrictions extended for upwards of six months despite not having actual data to base such a request.
- Absolutely no indications from the administration of any planning for phases of re-opening Wisconsin's economy.

We know that the Administration asked legislative leaders for an unlimited extension of the Emergency Declaration and powers even though the initial 60-day authority doesn't end until early May. That request was made about two weeks ago and with little justification based on the facts of the situation at that time. Reasonably, any request from the Administration for extending the Emergency Declaration and powers must be accompanied by actual data and evidence of the risk we are attempting to mitigate. To date, the Administration has failed to meet the justified evidence standard and some of its questionable actions are already undermining the level of trust necessary to authorize so few people to make life-altering decisions for every person in Wisconsin. Based on these circumstances, I can't support extending emergency powers for this administration as requested by Governor Evers.

There is time for Governor Evers and his administration to steady its decision-making process, provide a balanced response to both the public health challenges and the growing economic crisis, and work cooperatively to develop a phased plan to safely re-open Wisconsin's economy.

Sincerely,

Steve Nass
Senator
11th State Senate District
(608) 266-2635

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Wichgers <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans - External Senders <ALLSENGOPS.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Assembly Republicans - External Senders <ALLASMGOPS.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on State Park Operations

Senator Nass,

Thank you for your email regarding the Governor's directive to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to close certain Wisconsin State Parks, Forests, and Recreational Areas effective Friday, April 10.

This decision was not made lightly. Under the Safer at Home order, we must do all that we can to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protect the health and safety of the public. Unfortunately, unprecedented crowds, a lack of appropriate social distancing, litter, and vandalism made the continued operation of these properties untenable.

I can assure you that the DNR understands the public's need to enjoy the benefits of nature during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the Safer at Home order recognizes outdoor activity as an essential activity, people wishing to take a break outdoors are advised by public health officials to exercise in their community and maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more.

Warmer weather led to a drastic increase in visitors to state parks, posing a range of challenges relating to social distancing. According to the DNR, several parks experienced record attendance in recent weeks. Currently, ensuring public safety supersedes continuing operations at certain locations. In order to help minimize the transmission of COVID-19 at parks and protect the public, this was a necessary step.

The DNR will continue to closely monitor on-the-ground circumstances and adjust operations as conditions change. If the public does not follow social distancing guidelines, more state parks may have to close.

Thank you for your understanding.
ZM

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From: Rep. Wichgers - LEGIS <Rep.Wichgers@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Update on State Park Operations

Zach,

Rep. Wichgers would request the information below is shared with the governor. Thank you for your time.

William Neville
Research Assistant
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83rd Assembly District
608.266.3363
William.neville@legis.wi.gov

From: Sen. Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans <AllSenGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on State Park Operations

Sean,

Please share this with the department's leadership. I had hoped the leadership of the DNR would be able to maintain some semblance of reason and continue to operate our state parks based on facts, not fear. To close 40 state parks based on litter and vandalism is outright ridiculous and raises serious questions regarding the decision-making capabilities of the leadership of your agency.

State employees are still being paid and have yet to face the same economic consequences of Governor Evers' orders as many of my constituents now facing unemployment, furloughs or reduced compensation. Picking up the garbage and increasing observation of state parks to reduce vandalism are all common sense steps that could easily be taken by state employees to avoid these closures, unless there is some other undisclosed agenda behind this decision.

Further, to suggest that these state parks must close now "out of an abundance of caution" over Covid-19 intentionally ignores the

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real data released every day by DHS. DHS officials said three times last week that the “curve” in Wisconsin was flattening and this was done while these 40 state parks were open. DHS’ modeling has been flawed and its projections grossly inaccurate compared to real data being collected daily.

I strongly urge the department to reverse course and urge the Governor to rescind this needless order.

Sincerely,

Steve Nass

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Version 2 attached - your feedback today is appreciated and is being taken under consideration, more changes will follow - for now please keep this on hand as the *most recent* draft
-Dan

Summary of Provisions

ADMINISTRATION

1. EMPLOYEE TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Authorize the Secretary of DOA to transfer any employee from one executive branch agency to another executive branch agency to provide services for the receiving agency during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, including any extension by joint resolution of the Legislature. Specify that the receiving agency must pay all salary and fringe benefit costs of the employee during the time he or she is providing services for the receiving agency. Further, specify that any transfer would remain in effect until rescinded by the Secretary of DOA or 90 days after the public health emergency is terminated, whichever is earliest. Specify that an employee may not receive a salary increase upon transfer to a state agency, nor may an employee receive a salary increase upon return to the sending state agency. Require the Secretary of DOA to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Finance no later than June 1, 2020, and on the first day of each subsequent month during the emergency period, that provides information on all employee transfers. Specify that the report identify the number of employees transferred, the title of each employee transferred, the title the employee assumed at the receiving agency, and the reasons for each employee transfer.

2. LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYEE HOURS

Specify that the Director of the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection in DOA's Division of Personnel Management may increase or suspend the number of hours for a limited-term appointment for the duration of a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Under current law, a limited-term appointment is a provisional appointment for less than 1,040 hours per year.

3. USE OF ANNUAL LEAVE

Specify that a state employee may take annual leave within the first six months of the employee's probationary period upon initial appointment during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that if such an employee who has taken annual leave terminates his or her employment before earning annual leave equivalent to the amount of annual leave the employee has taken, the appointing authority would be required to deduct the cost of the unearned annual leave from the employee's final pay.

Under current law, an employee, with the approval of his or her appointing authority, may anticipate the annual leave which he or she could earn during the current calendar year, but no employee is eligible to take annual leave until he or she has completed the first six months of a

probationary period for an original job appointment unless the employee uses annual leave that he or she accrued while serving in an unclassified position.

4. STATE EMPLOYMENT FILINGS AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Specify that a state employee does not waive his or her right to appeal an adverse employment decision if the employee does not timely file a complaint or appeal during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that the tolling period for an employee to file such a complaint with the appointing authority would begin 14 days after the termination of the declared public health emergency or extension. In addition, specify that an appointing authority or his or her designee is not required to meet with a complainant in person when conducting an investigation related to such a complaint filed by an employee during a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

Under current law, to commence the grievance process for an adverse employment action, a state employee must file a complaint with the employee's appointing authority challenging the adverse employment decision against the employee no later than 14 days after the employee becomes aware of, or should have become aware of, the decision that is the subject of the complaint. Also under current law, an appointing authority or his or her designee who receives a timely complaint must conduct any investigation they consider necessary, meet with the employee in person, and issue a decision in writing no later than 14 days after the date on which the complaint is received.

AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

1. PROHIBITION ON RETURNS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Prohibit a retail establishment from accepting the return of fresh or packaged food, cleaning supplies, personal care products, or paper products purchased during a public health emergency as declared by the Governor under s. 323.10 of the statutes, or within 30 days after the emergency ends. However, allow a retailer to accept the return of food, personal care products, cleaning supplies, or paper products within seven days of purchase for any reason, or at any time any time if a product was contaminated due to improper production or packaging. Further, allow retail establishments to accept returns of other types of products at any time.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS

1. AUTHORIZE TRUST FUND LOANS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Allow BCPL to offer loans from the common school fund and other school trust funds to nonprofit municipal utilities during the state of emergency declared by the Governor under Executive Order 72, including any extension granted by the Legislature, and up to 60 days after the emergency declaration expires. Specify BCPL may offer loans to ensure that the utility is able to maintain liquidity during the emergency period, and authorize BCPL to issue loans for amounts and conditions as may be agreed upon by a borrower. Further, specify that the Legislature determines the loans serve a public purpose.

Under current law, BCPL makes loans to school districts, municipalities, sewer districts and other public entities from the school trust funds that it manages. BCPL typically offers 10-year loans with low fixed interest rates. Under statute, BCPL loans must have an interest rate greater than 2%. BCPL does not charge a pre-payment penalty.

The public health emergency allows commercial and residential ratepayers to temporarily suspend utility payments without losing service. The provision is intended to allow BCPL to extend loans to municipal utilities so that they may continue to meet obligations in the event of a temporary loss of revenues.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION RESERVES

1. JOINT FINANCE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS

Specify that the Joint Committee on Finance could reduce certain general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations, suspend law changes that would decrease state general fund tax revenues, and rescind proposed general wage adjustments for state and UW System employees if the general fund condition statement issued by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows an estimated deficit in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Require the Fiscal Bureau to prepare a revised general fund condition statement for the 2019-21 biennium no later than June 15, 2020, and submit the report to the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance. If the report projects that the estimated gross general fund balance on June 30, 2021, will be negative, require that the cochairpersons convene a meeting of the Committee no later than June 24, 2020.

Specify that the Committee could take action at the required meeting to reduce the amount of any general purpose revenue appropriation in the appropriation schedule for the 2020-21 fiscal year,

except for the following: (a) sum sufficient appropriations; (b) the appropriation for Medical Assistance benefits under the Department of Health Services; and (c) the appropriations to pay debt service on appropriation obligation bonds. Additionally, the Committee could take action to delay the effective date, initial applicability, or implementation of any provision contained in any enactment of the 2019 Legislature that would have the effect of reducing general purpose revenues. Specify that if the provision relates to taxation, the delay could not extend beyond the taxable year that begins after December 31, 2021, and any other such delay could not extend beyond June 30, 2023.

Additionally, specify that the Committee could take action at the meeting to rescind the January, 2021, general wage adjustment of 2% provided under the state employee compensation plan and the January, 2021, wage adjustments provided to UW System employees under its proposed pay plan, notwithstanding the actions of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations on December 18, 2019, in approving the state employee compensation plan and the proposed pay plan of the UW System. Funding in compensation reserves associated with the above January, 2021, wage adjustments totals \$20,517,000 GPR (\$47,559,100 all funds) in 2020-21.

2. TRANSFERS FROM SUM SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

Allow the Joint Committee on Finance to transfer up to \$25 million from sum sufficient appropriations during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension period, and for a period of up to 90 days after the termination of the state of emergency. Transferred funds could be used for expenditures related to the state of emergency.

Under current law, the Joint Committee on Finance can transfer funds between two appropriations or between two fiscal years in the same biennium if the transfer would eliminate unnecessary duplication of functions, result in a more efficient and effective method for performing programs, or more effectively carry out legislative intent. Such transfer must be for purposes which have been authorized or directed by the Legislature, and cannot change legislative intent. Current law does not allow a transfer from a sum sufficient appropriation to other types of appropriations.

BUILDING COMMISSION

1. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDING REFUNDING AUTHORITY

Increase the bonding authorization for refunding of any outstanding tax-supported or self-amortizing state general obligation debt by \$725,000,000, from its current level of \$6,785,000,000 to \$7,510,000,000. These bonds could only be issued if the debt refinancing meets the current law requirement that the true interest costs of the state must be reduced. The authorization for this refunding bonding was last increased in 2017 Act 59 (the 2017-19 budget).

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

1. REHIRED ANNUITANTS IN CRITICAL POSITIONS

Specify that a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participant who is hired by a participating employer during a public health emergency declared by the Governor may elect to not suspend his or her annuity for the duration of the public health emergency if: (a) at the time of terminating employment, the participant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services; and (b) the position for which the annuitant is hired is a critical position. Further, specify that the current break-in-service requirement of 75 days would not apply to a participant who is hired for a critical position during the public health emergency if at least 15 days have elapsed between the termination of employment and becoming a participating employee. Require the head of each state agency and each local health department, based on guidance provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, to determine which positions within the respective state agency or local government are critical when the Governor declares a public health emergency, for the purposes of administering the provisions applicable to rehired annuitants.

Under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, must suspend their annuity and become a participating WRS employee if they are employed in covered employment, or enter into a contract with a WRS employer, and are expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Also under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, has a break-in-service requirement of 75 days between termination of employment and becoming a participating employee with a WRS employer. This separation from WRS employment must occur for an individual who applied for an annuity or lump sum payment to continue to qualify for an annuity or to retain the lump sum payment.

2. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Specify that, for the purposes of group health insurance coverage offered by the Group Insurance Board, an employee who returns from a leave of absence and who has not resumed active duty for at least 30 consecutive calendar days on the date that the Governor declares a public health emergency is deemed to have ended or interrupted the leave of absence on that date. The public health emergency related to COVID-19 was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020.

Under current law, a leave of absence is not deemed ended or interrupted until the employee has resumed active performance of duty for 30 consecutive calendar days for at least 50 percent of what is considered the employee's normal work time with the employer. Also under current law, a state or local public employer that provides its employees health insurance coverage through a plan offered by the Group Insurance Board must continue to pay required employer contributions, if any, toward the health insurance premium of an insured employee while the insured employee is on a leave of absence for the first three months of the leave of absence, or for the entire leave of absence

if the insured employee is receiving temporary disability compensation. Under the provision, an employee of such an employer who returns from a leave of absence, and who was eligible to receive an employer contribution towards health insurance premiums prior to commencing the leave of absence, would be immediately eligible for the employer contribution towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. GOVERNMENTAL DEADLINES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that a state or local governmental unit, during an emergency period, may suspend any deadline associated with a program or action that the state or local governmental unit administers or enforces. Define "emergency period" as the period covered by a public health emergency plus 30 days after the end of the emergency. Define "deadline" to mean any date certain by which, or any limitation as to time within which, an action or event is required to occur. Specify that a state or local governmental unit may not charge any interest or penalties that would otherwise apply with respect to the suspended deadlines. Specify that the suspension of deadlines would not apply to any elections-related deadlines. Specify that during an emergency period, a state or local unit of government may suspend any training requirements that are associated with programs the state or local unit of government administers or enforces. The provision would first apply to deadlines or training requirements during a public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order #72, including any extensions.

Specify that the suspension of deadlines does not apply to tax-filing deadlines with respect to tax revenues deposited to the general fund, certain taxes and fees deposited to the transportation fund, or to interest and penalties on property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. These tax-filing deadlines are described under "Revenue."

2. IN PERSON APPEARANCE WAIVER

Specify that the head or governing body of a state entity may waive a requirement imposed, administered, or enforced by the state entity that an individual appear in person during a public health emergency declared by the Governor if the head or governing body finds that the waiver assists in the state's response to the public health emergency or that enforcing the requirement may increase the public health risk. Define "state entity" to mean any state agency, institution of higher education, association, society, or other body in state government, created or authorized to be created by the Constitution or any law that is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law, including the Legislature, the Courts, and any authority.

3. EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products in response to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order 72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.

4. EXEMPTION TO 50 PIECE RULE FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Allow a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office to use public funds to pay for communications related to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order #72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) if the communications are made during the emergency period, or within 30 days after termination of the emergency period.

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office may not use public funds to pay for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material during the campaign season.

HEALTH SERVICES

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS TO MEET CONDITIONS FOR ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE

Authorize DHS to take certain actions, as described below, to satisfy criteria for qualifying for enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available during an emergency period declared in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, as established by the federal Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Under this provision, the Department would be authorized to do the following on a temporary basis: (a) suspend monthly premiums for childless adults covered under the medical assistance (MA) program; (b) suspend the requirement that childless adults complete a health risk

assessment questionnaire for childless adults, as a condition of MA eligibility; (c) delay the implementation of a community engagement requirement for childless adults until the date that is either: (1) 30 days after the day the federal government has approved the community engagement implementation plan; or (2) 30 days after the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the declared federal public health emergency associated with the novel coronavirus pandemic occurs; and (d) maintain continuous enrollment of for any MA beneficiary who is enrolled as of the date of passage of the FFCRA (March 18, 2020), or who subsequently enrolls in the program during the period of the federal public health emergency, until the end of the end of the final month during which the federal public health emergency is in effect.

The Department of Health Services implemented the monthly premiums and health risk questionnaire beginning on February 1, 2020, under terms of a federal waiver applicable for Medicaid coverage for childless adults. The community engagement provision is another waiver provision, which has not yet been implemented. Under provisions established under 2017 Act 370, the deadline for implementation of this provision is currently April 29, 2020, although the federal government has not approved the final implementation plan.

The FFCRA increases each state's FMAP by 6.2 percentage points during any calendar quarter for which the COVID-19 federal public health emergency is in effect, provided that the state meets certain maintenance of effort criteria. This increase will apply, at a minimum to the first two quarters of 2020, January through March, and April through June. Based on current expenditure levels in the state's medical assistance program, the increase to the state's FMAP will increase federal Medicaid matching funds by approximately \$150 million per quarter, or approximately \$300 million over the two quarters covering the final six months of state fiscal year 2019-20.

In order to qualify for the FMAP increase, states must: (a) not adopt more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for their Medicaid programs than were in effect on January 1, 2020; (b) not charge a higher premium for any eligibility groups than was in effect on January 1, 2020; (c) ensure that any person who was enrolled as of the date of enactment of the FFCRA or who enrolls during the federal public health emergency be eligible for benefits through the end of the month in which the public health emergency period ends; and (d) provide coverage of COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries without cost sharing. With respect to premiums, a state is not ineligible for the FMAP increase during the 30-day period following the passage of the FFCRA (that is, through April 17, 2020), if it had a premium in effect on the date of passage that would otherwise not be in compliance with the maintenance of effort requirement.

Since the state's childless adult waiver provisions were implemented after January 1, 2020, the provisions must be suspended in order for the state to qualify for the enhanced FMAP. In addition, the state must make modifications to eligibility review processes to ensure continuous enrollment for MA beneficiaries during the federal public health emergency. The changes under this item, which would be established in a nonstatutory provision, are intended to make the state eligible to receive enhanced FMAP under the FFCRA.

2. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL WAIVER REQUESTS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt a Department of Health Services (DHS) request for a waiver, amendment to a waiver, state plan amendment, or other federal approval from the current law provisions, enacted in 2017 Wisconsin Act 370, relating to legislative authorization for, and review of, such requests during the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus. Specify that such an exemption applies only if the request is any of the following:

Relating to the medical assistance program. Any of the following:

- Allowing providers to receive payments for services provided in alternative settings to recipients affected by 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving preadmission screening and annual resident review requirements when recipients are transferred;
- Allowing hospitals who hold a state license but have not yet received accreditation from the Joint Commissioner to bill the medical assistance program during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving payment of the application fee to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving pre-enrollment criminal background checks for providers that are enrolled in the Medicare program to temporarily enroll the provider in the medical assistance program for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving site visit requirements to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Ceasing revalidation of providers who are enrolled in the medical assistance program or otherwise directly impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency for 90 days or until termination of the public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving the requirement that physicians and other health care professionals be licensed in the state in which they are providing services if they have equivalent licensing in another state or are enrolled in the federal Medicare program;
- Waiving prior authorization requirements for access to covered state plan or waiver benefits;
- Expanding the authority under Section 1905 (a) of the federal Social Security Act regarding nonemergency transportation to allow for reimbursement of any eligible individual under the medical assistance program, additional vendors, transportation for caregivers going to provide services to recipients, and meal delivery to medical assistance recipients;

- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to state plan and waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines specified in the medical assistance state plan to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health director meeting;
- Modifying the requirement under federal law to submit the state plan amendment by March 31, 2020, to obtain an effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020;
- Simplifying program administration by allowing for temporary state plan flexibilities rather than requiring states to go through the state plan amendment submission and approval process;
- Waiving timely filing requirements for billing under federal law to allow time for providers to implement changes;
- Expanding hospital presumptive eligibility to include the population over age 65 and disabled;
- Allowing flexibility for submission of electronic signatures on behalf of a medical assistance recipient by application assistants if a signature cannot be captured in person;
- Waiving requirements for managed care organizations to complete initial and periodic recredentialing of network providers if the providers meet medical assistance provider enrollment requirements during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Requiring managed care organizations to extend preexisting authorizations through which a medical assistance recipient has received prior authorization until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving sanctions under Section 1877 (g) of the Social Security Act relating to limitations on physician referral;
- Allowing flexibility in how a teaching physician is present with the patient and resident including real-time audio and video or access through a window;
- Waiving certain equipment requirements in hospital equipment maintenance requirement guidance issued on December 20, 2013, to maintain the health and safety of the hospitals' patients and providers;
- Creating provisions allowing for additional flexibilities to allow for the use in nursing homes of physician extenders in place of medical directors and attending physicians and telehealth options;
- Waiving notice of transfers within a nursing home due to medically necessary protection from the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving requirements to document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure a safer and orderly intrafacility nursing home transfer;

- Waiving requirements for a nursing home bedhold policy;
- Waiving the requirements for nursing home in-service education under federal law;
- Waiving nurse staffing information and posting of that information for nursing homes;
- Suspending the requirement that a pharmacist go monthly to the nursing home to do record review;
- Waiving or lessening requirements for a paid feeding assistant program in nursing homes and setting guidelines for training to assist with the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
- Waiving the annual and quarterly screening of fire extinguishers and any other annual maintenance review for nursing homes;
- Allowing all clinical hours required under federal law to be online simulation;
- Waiving under federal law the loss of the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program;
- Waiving the requirements under federal law for training of paid feeding assistants;
- Allowing home health agencies to perform certifications, initial assessments, and determine homebound status remotely or by record review;
- Waiving life safety codes for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities under federal law and for hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, critical access hospitals and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities relating to fire alarm system maintenance and testing, automatic sprinkler and standpipe system inspection, testing, and maintenance, and inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers.

Relating to the home and community-based waiver programs of Family Care, IRIS, and Children's Long-Term Supports. Any of the following:

- Allowing all waiver services and administrative requirements that that can be provided with the same functional equivalency of face-to-face services to occur remotely;
- Removing the requirement to complete a 6-month progress report to reauthorize prevocational service;
- Removing the limitation that quotes from at least 3 providers must be obtained and submitted for home modifications;
- Removing the limitation preventing supportive home care from being provided in adult family homes and residential care apartment complexes;
- Removing the limitation preventing personal or nursing services for recipients in residential care apartment complexes;

- Removing the limitation that participants cannot receive other waiver services on the same day as receiving respite care;
- Allowing adult day service providers, prevocational providers, and supported employment providers to provide services in alternate settings;
- Allowing up to three meals per day for home delivered meals for Family Care and IRIS program enrollees and adding home delivered meals as a benefit in the Children's Long-Term Supports waiver;
- Removing the limitation on using moneys to relocate individuals from an institution or family home to an independent living arrangement;
- Allowing any individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to reside in a community-based residential facility with greater than eight beds;
- Modifying the scope of the child care benefit to allow for the provision of child care payments for children under the age of 12 in the program for direct care workers and medical workers who need access to child care during the emergency;
- Allowing for all home and community-based waiver services to be provided in temporary settings;
- Allowing home and community-based waiver services to be provided temporarily in an acute care hospital or in a short-term institutional stay;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services provided in settings outside this state;
- Allowing general retailers to provide assistive technology or communication aids;
- Allowing providers certified or licensed in other states or enrolled in the Medicare program to perform the same or comparable services in this state;
- Delaying provider licensing or certification reviews;
- Allowing DHS to waive provider qualifications as necessary to increase the pool of available providers;
- Allowing 4-year background checks to be delayed;
- Expanding transportation providers to include individual and transportation network companies;
- Allowing noncertified individuals to provide home delivered meals;
- Allowing nursing students to provide allowable nursing services;
- Allowing parents to be paid caregivers for their minor children in the Children's Long-

Term Supports program when providing a service that would otherwise have been performed and paid for by a provider;

- Allowing for qualified individuals to provide training to unpaid caregivers;
- Waiving choice of provider requirements;
- Waiving the managed care network adequacy requirements under federal law;
- Waiving requirements to complete initial and required periodic credentialing of network providers;
- Adding a verbal and electronic method to signing required documents;
- Allowing the option to conduct evaluations, assessments, and person-centered service planning meetings virtually or remotely in lieu of face-to-face meetings;
- Allowing the lessening of prior approval or authorization requirements;
- Allowing for data entry of incidents into the incident reporting system outside of typical timeframes;
- Waiving the requirement to distribute member-centered plans to essential providers;
- Allowing DHS to draw federal financing match for payments, such as hardship or supplemental payments, to stabilize and retain providers who suffer extreme disruptions to their standard business model or revenue streams as a result of the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Allowing DHS to waive participant liability for room and board when temporarily sheltered at noncertified facilities;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services;
- Allowing managed care enrollees to proceed almost immediately to a state fair hearing without having a managed care plan resolve the appeal first by permitting DHS to modify the timeline for managed care plans to resolve appeals to one day so the impacted appeals satisfy the exhaustion requirements and give enrollees more time to request a fair hearing;
- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health directors meeting;
- Waiving timelines for reports, required surveys, and notifications;
- Allowing the extension of the certification period of level-of-care screeners;
- Allowing the waiver of requirements related to home and community-based settings on a case by case basis in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of affected beneficiaries under

federal law;

- Applying any provisions under this paragraph automatically to the concurrent 1915 (b) waiver;
- Allowing the waiver enrollment or eligibility changes based on a completed functional screen resulting in a change in level-of-care;
- Allowing for continued enrollment in the Children's Long-Term Supports program past the ages of 18 and 21; and
- Allowing the suspension of involuntary disenrollment.

3. GRANTS FOR UNREIMBURSED COVID-19 COSTS

Authorize the Department of Health Services to submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance during the 2019-21 biennium for an appropriation supplement to make grants to healthcare providers for unreimbursed costs associated with treatment of patients with COVID-19.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR NURSE AIDES

Prohibit the Department of Health Services from requiring an instructional program for nurse aides in Wisconsin to exceed the federally required minimum total training hours or minimum hours of supervised practical training.

Currently, nurse aides in Wisconsin are required to complete a minimum of 120 total training hours, including 32 hours of supervised practical training. Federal law currently requires nurse aides to complete 75 total training hours, including 16 hours of supervised practical training.

5. HOSPITAL AND DHS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Require every hospital, isolation facility, and other entity that provides hospitalization (hereafter, "facilities") to submit information to the Department of Health Services (DHS), and require DHS to publicly report information it receives, as described below.

Facility Reporting

Daily Reports. Require every facility to report the following information to DHS daily: (a) the number of new positive COVID-19 test results for individuals working at the facility and for patients; (b) the daily census of COVID-19 patients in the facility; (c) the daily census of presumptive COVID-19 cases in the facility; (d) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, in a bed in the facility's intensive care unit (ICU); and (e) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, who are on ventilators. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Weekly Reports. Require every facility to report the following information on a weekly basis:

(a) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a regular hospital bed to a bed in an intensive care unit, and, as applicable, onto a ventilator, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (b) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a bed in an intensive care unit or being on a ventilator to a regular hospital bed, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (c) the number of patients who were confirmed to have COVID-19 and who were released from the facility, including the amount of time each patient spent in the facility. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Reporting Ventilators Owned by Facilities. By April 14, 2020, require each facility to report to DHS the number of ventilators they own on that date. Further, require each facility to report to DHS any change in the number of functional ventilators it owns, including the number of ventilators it owns that are no longer functional, the day after the facility's number of functional ventilators changes.

DHS Reporting and Authority to Withhold CARES Act Funds for Noncompliance

DHS Reporting. Beginning April 24, 2020, require DHS to report publicly all of the following: (a) on a daily basis, the information facilities are required to report on a daily basis; (b) on a weekly basis, the information facilities are required to report on a weekly basis; and (c) the daily availability of ventilators in the state, including any ventilators acquired directly by DHS; and (d) the total number of individuals in the state that are using ventilators.

Imposition of Penalties for Noncompliance. Authorize DHS to create a metric to allow the Department to measure compliance with the data reporting requirements and to withhold funding available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) to noncompliant health care providers.

6. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Require the Department of Health Services to develop, under the MA program, a payment system based on performance to incentivize participation in health information data sharing to facilitate better patient care, reduced costs, and easier access to patient information.

Require DHS to establish performance metrics for the payment system that satisfy all of the following: (a) the metric must include participation by providers in a health information exchange at a minimum level of patient record access; (b) the payment under the payment system must increase as the participation level in the health information exchange increases; (c) the payment system must begin in the 2021 rate year; and (d) for purposes of this payment system, require DHS to seek any available federal moneys, including any money available for this purpose under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), to assist small, rural providers with the costs of information technology setup to participate in the health information exchange.

7. SENIORCARE COVERAGE OF VACCINATIONS

Expand the SeniorCare prescription drug assistance program to include coverage of vaccinations that are recommended for administration to adults by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization practices and approved for the administration to adults by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Require DHS to provide reimbursement under SeniorCare for the administration of vaccinations to health care providers, including pharmacies and pharmacists, provided that the enrollee has met the program's deductible requirements or is not required to pay a deductible. Require the Department to use the same method of reimbursement for the ingredient and dispensing fees as is used for vaccinations under the medical assistance program. Require the Department to devise and distribute a claim form for use by health care providers for vaccinations. Authorize DHS to limit payment for vaccinations to claims that are submitted directly to the Department and specify that DHS may apply the same utilization and cost control procedures for vaccinations that apply under the medical assistance program.

Require DHS to seek to enter into rebate agreements with manufacturers who sell vaccines, modeled on current rebate agreements used in the program for prescription drugs. Specify that to the extent that rebate agreements are in place for vaccines, manufacturers must make rebate payments for vaccines for which reimbursement was provided under the SeniorCare program.

SeniorCare is a program administered by DHS that provides assistance with the purchase of prescription drugs for enrollees. To be eligible, enrollees must be at least 65 years old and meet income thresholds. Enrollees with an income exceeding 160% of the federal poverty level must meet a deductible requirements before becoming eligible for program benefits.

INSURANCE

1. NO COST SHARING FOR COVID-19 TESTING DURING 2020

Require any self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, any health insurance policy, and any state health plan that generally covers testing for infectious diseases to provide coverage of testing for COVID-19 without imposing any copayment or coinsurance on the individual covered under the policy or plan, for any such testing done prior to March 13, 2021.

2. PROHIBIT COVERAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON COVID-19

Prohibit any insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or self-insured health plan from using a current or past diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of COVID-19, as the basis for doing the following: (a) establishing rules, applicable to an individual or employer or other group, for eligibility for enrollment, continued eligibility to remain enrolled, or renewal of coverage; (b) canceling coverage during a contract term; (c) establishing rates for coverage; or (d) refusing to grant a grace period for

the payment of premium, if a grace period for payment of premium would generally be granted under the plan.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIMITS

Prohibit any health insurance policy, state employee health plan, or self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, or a pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a policy or plan from doing the following during the period covered by the state of emergency related to public health declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72: (a) requiring prior authorization for early refills of a prescription drug or otherwise restrict the period of time in which a prescription drug may be refilled; or (b) imposing a limit on the quantity of prescription drugs that may be obtained if the quantity is no more than a 90-day supply. Specify that these restrictions do not apply to a prescription drug that is classified as a controlled substance by the Controlled Substances Board.

4. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Specify that, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72, any physician or nurse anesthetist for whom Wisconsin is not a principal place of practice but who is authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis, may fulfill the state's practice liability insurance requirements by filing with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance a certificate of insurance for a policy of health care liability insurance issued by an insurer that is authorized in a jurisdiction accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Specify that such a physician or nurse anesthetist may elect, in a manner specified by the Insurance Commissioner by rule, to be subject to the state's liability provisions and the state's injured patients and families compensation program.

Health care providers are generally required to obtain liability insurance coverage, issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Wisconsin, for \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and for \$3,000,000 for all claims or occurrences in a year. Liabilities in excess of those amounts are paid from the state's injured patients and families compensation program, which is funded from assessments collected on providers. This item would allow out-of-state physicians and nurse anesthetists who are authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis during the declared public health emergency, to satisfy liability insurance requirements with a policy issued by an insurer authorized for business in another state or jurisdiction.

5. LIABILITY FOR PROVIDERS OF HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that any health care professional, health care provider or employee, agent, or contractor of a health care professional is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or any damages caused by actions or omissions taken in providing services to address, or in response to, the COVID-19 outbreak under circumstances that satisfy all of the following conditions: (1) the actions or omissions do not involve reckless or wanton conduct or intentional

misconduct; (2) the services are provided during a state of emergency declared by the Governor for the state or part of the state or during a period extending 60 days following the expiration of the state of emergency; and (3) the acts or omissions are substantially consistent with any of the following: (a) any direction, guidance, recommendation, or other statement made by a federal, state, or local official to address the COVID-19 outbreak; or (b) any guidance published by the Department of Health Services, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, or any divisions or agencies of the federal Department of Health and Human Services relied upon in good faith.

Specify that the liability protections established under these provisions do not apply if: (a) current statutory protections indemnifying volunteer practitioners or health care facilities during a public health emergency apply; or (b) current statutory limitations on liability of state or local units of government, or public shelters during a public health emergency apply.

For the purposes of this provision, the term "health care professional" would be defined as an individual who is licensed, registered, or certified by the Medical Examining Board or the Board of Nursing.

6. OUT-OF-NETWORK CHARGES AND PAYMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Specify that, during a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak that is declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or by the Governor, any defined network or preferred provider health plan may not require an enrollee to pay, including cost sharing, for a service, treatment, or supply rendered by a provider that is not in the plan's network more than the enrollee would pay if the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an in-network provider, if the following apply: (a) the service, treatment, or supply is related to a diagnosis or treatment for COVID-19; and (b) the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an out-of-network provider because no in-network provider is available due to the public health emergency. Specify that, in these circumstances, the plan must reimburse the out-of-network provider at 225 percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area.

Specify that, during a declared public health emergency related to COVID-19, any health care provider or facility that renders a service, treatment, or supply to an enrollee of a defined network plan or preferred provider plan that does not include the health provider or facility in its network must accept as payment in full any payment that is at least 225 percent of the Medicare rate for a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area. Prohibit the provider from charging the enrollee an amount that exceeds the amount the provider or facility is reimbursed by the defined network plan or preferred provider plan.

Authorize the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate any rules necessary to implement these provisions.

LEGISLATURE

1. LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU CRITERIA AND REPORTING

Specify in a nonstatutory provision that, beginning July 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2021, the Legislative Audit Bureau must use risk-based criteria to review selected programs affected by this proposal and selected expenditures made with funds authorized under this proposal. Further, require the Legislative Audit Bureau to report the results of its reviews at least quarterly to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and to the Legislature. Risk-based criteria could include review of expenditures at or above a certain threshold levels or the review of more recently created statutory programs.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

1. SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Specify that the Department of Public Instruction would not be required to publish school and school district accountability reports for the 2019-20 school year.

Under current law, DPI is required to publish accountability reports annually no later than November 30. The report cards issued each fall are based on data from assessments administered the previous spring.

2. PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

Specify that current law requiring assessments to be administered annually to pupils attending school in a public school district, independent charter school, private choice school, or special needs scholarship program school would not apply in 2019-20. Current law requires pupils to be given annual reading test in the 3rd grade, as well as assessments adopted by the State Superintendent in the 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Specify that pupil performance on assessments in the 2019-20 could not be considered for the evaluation of teachers and principals under the statewide educator effectiveness system. Under current law, the educator effectiveness system must be based in part upon measures of pupil performance, including performance on state assessments.

Modify statutory language under the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) to accommodate a one-year lapse in administering statewide assessments and publishing accountability reports. Under current law, a school district is subject to an OSPP if it is placed in the

lowest performance category in the school district accountability reports published in the three previous school years; no districts currently meet those criteria.

3. VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION REPORTS

Require school boards to submit a report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by November 1, 2020, regarding virtual instruction provided during the public health emergency in the 2019-20 school year during which public schools are closed by the Department of Health Services. The report would be required to include the following: (a) whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the public health emergency, and, if so, in which grades it was implemented; (b) if virtual instruction was implemented, the process for implementing the virtual instruction; (c) for each grade level, the average percentage of the 2020 spring semester instruction that was provided to pupils, including both in-person and virtual instruction; (d) whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help pupils learn content that they missed because of the public health emergency and, if so, what was provided to pupils; (e) recommendations for best practices for transitioning to and providing virtual instruction when schools are closed; (f) any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing virtual instruction during the public health emergency; (g) by position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the public health emergency; (h) the number of lunches the school board provided during the public health emergency; and (i) the total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during or because of the public health emergency in each of the following categories: utilities, transportation, food service, personnel (including reductions resulting from layoffs), and contract terminations. For purposes of the report, virtual instruction would include any instruction provided through means of the Internet, if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the instruction are geographically remote from each other.

Require DPI to compile and submit the information received from the school board reports to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature no later than January 1, 2021.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Specify that current law requiring a private school participating in a choice program to provide at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6 and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12 would not apply in the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, specify that the hours of instruction required for an institution to be defined as a private school would not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under current law, an institution must meet certain criteria to be considered a private school, including providing at least 875 annual hours of instruction.

5. STATEWIDE PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT DATES

Specify that the enrollment period for pupils who wish to participate in the statewide private school choice program in the 2020-21 school year could extend up to 60 days after the last day of

the public health emergency. Require participating private schools to submit to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) the number of pupils who have applied to attend the public school and the names of those applicants whose siblings have also applied to attend the private school within 14 days after the close of the enrollment period.

Under current law, the application period for the statewide choice program extends from the first weekday in February to the third Thursday in April, and schools must submit applicant information to DPI by the first weekday in May. For the 2020-21 school year, the final application period for pupils attending a private school under the Racine program ends on September 14, 2020, and the final application period for Milwaukee pupils ends on January 5, 2021.

REVENUE

1. PROPERTY TAX INTEREST PAYMENTS

For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, waive any interest charges and penalties for late payment, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are delinquent after October 1, 2020, interest charges and penalties would begin accruing as of October 1, 2020.

2. INTEREST AND PENALTIES DUE ON TAXES OWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Permit the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to waive interest and penalties for persons that owe, but fail to remit, general fund taxes, or taxes or fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, by the filing date if, in the Secretary's determination, that person failed to timely remit those taxes due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak of 2020. Specify that the Secretary must make this determination on a case-by-case basis. Specify that this provision applies only to general fund taxes, or taxes and fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, with filing dates that fall within, and interest and penalties that accrue during, the public health emergency that was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of time authorized under a joint resolution by the Legislature.

3. INCOME AND FRANCHISE TAX FILING EXTENSION

President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak on March 13, 2020. Following this declaration, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 21, 2020, that the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers who make estimated income tax payments that would otherwise be due on April 15 can make such payments by July 15 without incurring any

interest or penalties, regardless of amounts owed by a taxpayer. A taxpayer need not file any additional forms in order to qualify for this extended due date.

Wisconsin law provides similar treatment such that state income and franchise taxpayers with tax filing due dates of April 15, 2020, will have until July 15, 2020, to file their state income or franchise tax returns for tax year 2019, or make their first tax year 2020 estimated payment, without interest, penalty, or underpayment interest applying until that date.

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Specify that a health care provider credential, as defined below, is not subject to renewal, or any other conditions for renewal, including continuing education, and remains valid during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, and continuing for 60 days after the end of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension. Specify that these changes are notwithstanding the Department's general statutory authority and requirements relating to notice of renewals; renewal dates, fees, and applications; and late renewals, as well as the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, but subject to any professional discipline imposed on the credential.

Specify that a renewal that occurs subsequent to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, is not subject to the statutory late renewal fee if the application to renew the credential is received before the next applicable renewal date. Notwithstanding the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, the applicable credentialing board may, for that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from, or reduction of, continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

Definition. For these purposes, define a "health care provider credential" to mean any credential issued under the following state statutory chapters: Board of Nursing (ch. 441); Dentistry Examining Board (ch. 447); Medical Practices (ch. 448); Pharmacy Examining Board (ch. 450); Psychology Examining Board (ch. 455); Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy (ch. 460); or Radiographers and Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (ch. 462).

2. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR FORMER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DURING THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Authorize the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to grant temporary credentials to certain former health care providers during the state public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, as follows.

Issuance of Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS; and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Require DSPS to notify the health care provider if DSPS denies the provider's application for a temporary emergency credential.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under these provisions may provide services for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Require any health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential under these provisions to maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this provision expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Authority to Waive Credential Fees. Provide that, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, DSPS may waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. For these purposes, define "health care provider" to mean an individual who was at any time within the previous five years, but is not currently, any of the following, if the individual's credential was never revoked, limited, suspended, or denied renewal: (a) licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) licensed as a dentist under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) licensed as a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist under ch. 448 or certified as a respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d) licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) licensed as a psychologist under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

Define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate; and (b) "department" to mean DSPS.

3. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES

Authorize DSPS to grant temporary credentials to certain health care providers from other states during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency, as follows.

Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider, as defined below, if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS, and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Authorize DSPS to determine the appropriate scope of review of the background of a health care provider who applies for a temporary credential under this paragraph. Require that if DSPS denies a health care provider's application for a temporary credential under this section, DSPS must notify the health care provider of the reason for the denial.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under this paragraph may provide services for which the health care.

Require that a health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential granted under these provisions, must maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of the Temporary Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this paragraph expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Fee Waiver. Notwithstanding the Department's authority to require standard fees for initial credentialing and examinations and the applicable fee provisions in state statute, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, authorize DSPS to waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. Define "health care provider" to mean an individual who holds a valid, unexpired license, certificate, or registration granted by another state or territory that authorizes or qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as the acts that any of the following are licensed or certified to perform: (a) a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) a dentist licensed under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist licensed under ch. 448 or a respiratory care practitioner certified under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d)

a pharmacist licensed under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) a psychologist licensed under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

In addition define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate and (b) "department" to mean the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

4. PRESCRIPTION ORDER EXTENSIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Expand the manner in which a pharmacist can extend a prescription order. Specify that if a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription to be refilled and the prescription cannot be refilled under current state statutes governing initial fills and refills, the pharmacist may, subject to certain statutory conditions, extend the existing prescription order and dispense the drug to the patient, if the pharmacist has not received and is not aware of written or oral instructions from the prescribing practitioner prohibiting further dispensing pursuant to or extension of the prescription order.

Prohibit a pharmacist from extending a prescription order under this section if: (a) a prescribing practitioner has indicated, by writing on the face of the prescription order or, with respect to a prescription order transmitted electronically, by designating in electronic format the phrase "No extensions," or words of similar meaning; (b) the prescription is for a drug that is a controlled substance; or (c) if a prescription order was previously extended for that particular patient during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension of that public health emergency.

Further, prohibit a pharmacist acting under this provision from extending a prescription order to dispense more than a 30-day supply of the prescribed drug, except that if the drug is typically packaged in a form that requires a pharmacist to dispense the drug in a quantity greater than a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may extend the prescription order as necessary to dispense the drug in the smallest quantity in which it is typically packaged.

Require that a pharmacist, at the earliest reasonable time after acting under this provision, notify the prescribing practitioner or his or her office. However, specify that the pharmacist is not required to attempt to procure a new prescription order or refill authorization for the drug by contacting the prescribing practitioner or his or her office prior to acting under this provision. Authorize the pharmacist, after acting under this provision, to notify the patient or other individual that any further refills will require the authorization of a prescribing practitioner.

Specify that the authority granted under this provision applies only during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the governor, including any extension. During that time, clarify that this paragraph supersedes existing circumstances under which a pharmacist

may extend a prescription order to the extent of any conflict.

5. AUTOPSIES AND CREMATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS WHO DIED OF COVID-19

For the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, specify that:

- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner may issue a cremation permit to cremate the corpse of that deceased person without viewing the corpse;
- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner must issue, within 48 hours after the time of death, a cremation permit for the cremation of a corpse of a deceased person;
- If the underlying cause of a death is determined to be COVID-19, the person required to sign the death certificate must provide an electronic signature on the death certificate within 48 hours after the death occurs; and
- If an individual dies of COVID-19 while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual may be performed by any coroner or medical examiner in this state.

Define "COVID-19" to mean an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Under current law, a coroner or medical examiner must view the corpse of a deceased person before issuing a cremation permit, and the corpse may not be cremated within 48 hours after the death unless the death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease.

Further, under current law, if an individual dies while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual must be performed by the coroner or medical examiner of the county where the death occurred.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAITING WEEK

Provide that the waiting week requirement under current law would not apply with respect to benefit years that begin on or after March 12, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency

declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, and before January 3, 2021. Require the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to seek the maximum amount of federal reimbursement for benefits that are payable for the first week of a claimant's benefit year as a result of the application of this provision.

The CARES Act provides 100% federal funding of the first week of regular UI benefits for states with no waiting week through December 31, 2020, plus administrative expenses incurred to implement this provision. Under the Act, states may enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) for this funding if the state law, including a waiver of state law, provides that compensation is paid to individuals for their first week of regular unemployment without a waiting week. A state-federal agreement would apply to weeks of unemployment beginning after the date on which the agreement is entered into and ending on December 31, 2020. An agreement implementing this and other UI-related provisions of the CARES Act was signed by the DWD Secretary and USDOL on March 28, 2020.

Under current law, the claimant's waiting period is the first week of a claimant's benefit year for which the claimant is otherwise eligible for regular benefits. During a claimant's waiting period, no benefits are payable to the claimant. The waiting period does not affect a claimant's maximum benefit amount, which is 26 weeks of regular state benefits. However, claimants who do not reach the state's 26-week limit effectively receive one less week of benefits due to the waiting week requirement. A claimant must serve one waiting week per benefit year.

2. NON-CHARGING EMPLOYER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNTS

Require the Department of Workforce Development, when processing claims for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and evaluating work-share plans, to determine whether a claim or plan is related to the public health emergency (PHE) declared by the governor under Executive Order #72.

Provide that if a claim or plan is related to a PHE, regular benefits for that claim for weeks occurring after March 12, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, not be charged to an employer's UI account as normally provided. Instead, under the provision, UI benefits for those weeks would be charged to either: (a) the balancing account of the UI Trust Fund for contribution employers; or (b) DWD's existing interest and penalties account for reimbursable employers that are not subject to contribution requirements.

Under the provision, PHE non-charging provisions would not apply: (a) if the employer fails to timely and adequately provide any information required by the department; (b) to any benefits paid or reimbursed by the federal government, including the portion of any benefits reimbursed by the federal government for reimbursable employers; (c) to a claim for regular benefits that is a combined wage claim; (d) to work-share benefits reimbursed by the federal government; or (e) to certain benefits chargeable based on employment with the federal government.

Under current law, some UI benefit payments are not charged to a specific employer's account but are instead charged to the balancing account. The state's UI balancing account is supported by the solvency tax paid by employers and any interest earned on the state's UI trust

fund balance. There are seven basic categories of benefit payments charged to the balancing account: 10% write-offs, quits, misconduct, substantial fault, continued employment, approved training, and second benefit year. In the past, there have been other benefit programs that have been charged to the balancing account, including in 2002 when state temporary supplemental benefits were charged to the account.

3. WORK SHARE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Temporarily suspend, from the effective date of the provision through December 31, 2020, certain requirements of voluntary work-share plans submitted by employers, including: (a) the requirement that a work-share plan be limited to a particular work unit of the employer; (b) the requirement that the reduction in working hours under a work-share program must be at least 10% but not more than 50% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under the plan; (c) the requirements that at least 10% of the employees in a work unit be included in a work-share plan, and that the employer provide for initial coverage under the plan of at least 20 positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program; and (d) the requirement that reduced working hours be apportioned equitably among employees in the work-share program.

Specify that, during the suspension period: (a) work-share plans cover any employees of the employer; (b) the permissible reduction in working hours under a work-share program be not more than 60% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under a work-share plan; and (c) work-share plans cover at least two positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program.

Require the Department to allow employers to submit applications under this section using an online form, and require DWD to assist employers with submitting applications and developing work-share plans.

Allow the DWD Secretary to waive compliance with any temporary change required under this provision if the Secretary determines that the waiver of the requirement is necessary to permit continued federal certification of the state's UI program, or is necessary for the state to qualify for full federal financial participation in the cost of administration of the state's work-share program and in the financing of UI benefits to employees participating in the work-share program.

Work-share programs, which are also called "short-term compensation programs" under federal law, are designed to provide a prorated unemployment benefit for employees of employers who voluntarily make an agreement with the state to reduce work hours instead of laying off workers. For states that currently have a federally approved work-share program, like Wisconsin, the CARES Act would provide 100% federally funded UI benefits through December 31, 2020. Under current law, Wisconsin's work-share program is funded entirely through the employer's UI account.

4. EMPLOYEE RECORDS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Provide that during the period covered by a state of emergency related to a public health

emergency declared by the Governor, an employer is not required to provide an employee's personnel records within seven working days after an employee makes a request to inspect his or her personnel records, and an employer is not required to provide the inspection at a location reasonably near the employee's place of employment during normal working hours.

The statutes provide an employee or former employee has a right, with some exceptions, to inspect an employer's personnel documents that are used or have been used to determine the employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, termination or other disciplinary action, as well as view the employer's medical records of the employee. An employee may make such a request up to two times each calendar year. The provision would suspend, only during a public health emergency, the application of the two requirements described that employers must otherwise follow in accommodating an inspection request.

DRAFT

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:24 AM EDT
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 891.453 (2)(a)

Hi Rick-

Cathlene hasn't acknowledged my email.can you forward to the appropriate drafter?

Thank you!

Scott
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kelly, Scott" <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 3:34:45 PM CDT
To: "Hanaman, Cathlene" <Cathlene.Hanaman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 891.453 (2)(a)

Hi Cathlene –

I hope you're healthy during this time.

I'm not sure if you are the correct drafter for this, but I'm sure you can route my request if not.

Van would like 2 bills drafts amending 891.453(2a).

Draft #1 would add “,or any infectious disease for which a public health emergency is declared pursuant to s. 323.02(16).” to the end of 891.453(2)(a)

Draft #2 would add “COVID-19” or “SARS-CoV-2” or whatever the specific disease is we're in the middle of right now, to the list of diseases in 891.453(2)(a).

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:28 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

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From: "Jacque, Andre" <Andre.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: April 1, 2020 at 11:23:02 AM CDT
To: "Wanggaard, Van" <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>, Sen.Wanggaard
<Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Kelly, Scott" <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

Hi Van-

Here's another copy of the letter, thanks for signing on. So far I'm at 9 senators and 20 from the Assembly.

Thanks!

André

April 1, 2020

Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm
Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Secretary-designee Palm,

The effects of COVID-19 and Wisconsin's response to it have undoubtedly caused great anxiety across our state. As legislative representatives of the people of Wisconsin, we write you with great concern over a double standard imposed within DHS Emergency Order #12 (Shelter-in-Place) that contradicts reason and threatens the safety and wellbeing of Wisconsinites.

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Doing everything reasonable and possible to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities must include fair implementation of orders to stop non-essential activities. The abortion industry is using medical supplies daily on elective and non-essential "surgeries". Supplies like surgical masks and gloves, which will be in short supply should the infection rate of COVID-19 continue to spike. **We must not allow abortion clinics to put profit ahead of the public welfare and continue with these elective surgical procedures which now are done at a greater risk to the patient as well as our community.** Too often, abortions result in complications that lead to the emergency room and further drain our overstretched system.

Concerns have previously been raised regarding your actions and advocacy in support of Wisconsin's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, which operates 3 of the 4 standalone abortion facilities in our state. It is and should be a basic expectation that these abortion centers close while Wisconsin is under a "Shelter-in-Place" order to assure our residents that you are not putting politics before their health and prioritizing Planned

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Parenthood's bottom line at the expense of our citizens' health. **We therefore demand your immediate action to ensure a halt to the operation of abortion facilities in Wisconsin for the duration of the declared public health emergency.**

Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Can I add your name to the list of legislators signing on to this letter?

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Sincerely,

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:07 AM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19 Toolkit
Attachment(s): "image001.png", "image002.jpg", "image003.jpg", "image004.jpg", "image005.jpg"

Can you post the first link on Facebook? And put it in the newsletter? Thanks.
Sent from my iPad

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From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 8:55:46 AM CDT
To: "scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov" <scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Toolkit

As we find ourselves in a time of great economic uncertainty, many employers and employees find themselves with more questions than answers with respect to COVID-19.

To help employers and workers navigate recent state and federal policy changes related to essential businesses unemployment insurance, paid medical leave, small business loans, etc., WMC has compiled a [COVID-19 Employer Toolkit](#).

The toolkit is intended to be a one-stop location for relevant and up-to-date information about how recent policy changes impact businesses and workers alike, with links to additional informational resources. It also includes a "Frequently Asked Questions" section that addresses some of the most frequent questions we have heard with respect to small business loans and employee benefits.

You are undoubtedly receiving many inquiries from constituents about these issues, and we hope the [toolkit](#) will be a helpful resource to you as you respond. Please feel free to share it with businesses and constituents in your district, and utilize the information for your newsletters or other communications with the people back home.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if we can provide you with additional information.

Stay safe and healthy,

Scott Manley

Executive Vice President of
Government Relations

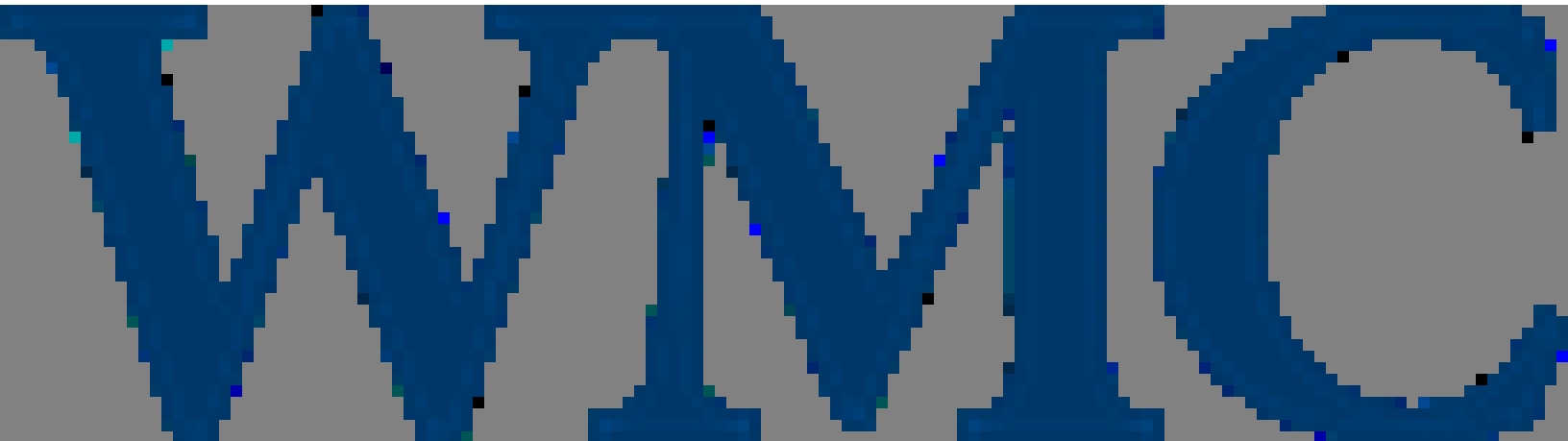
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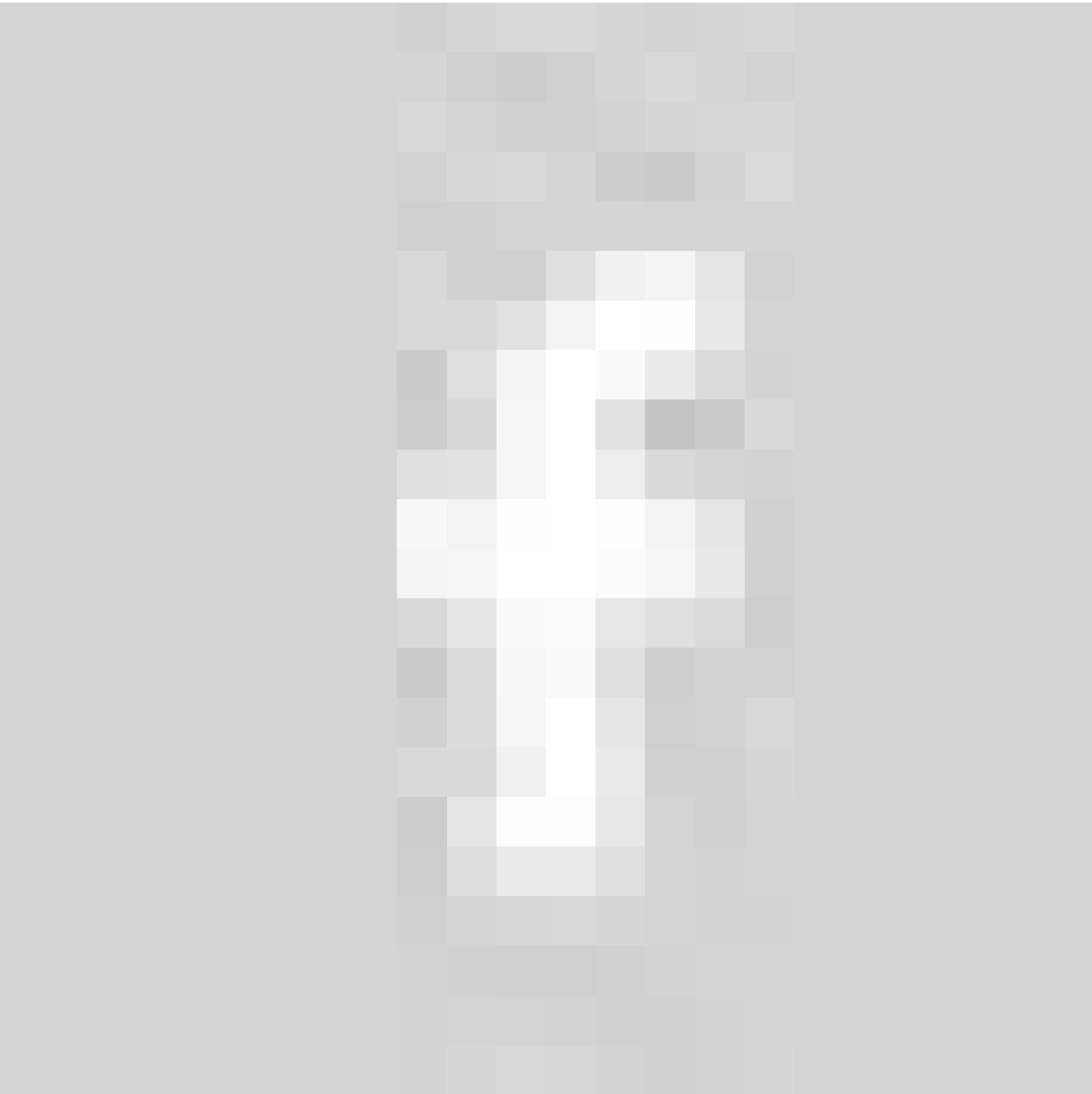


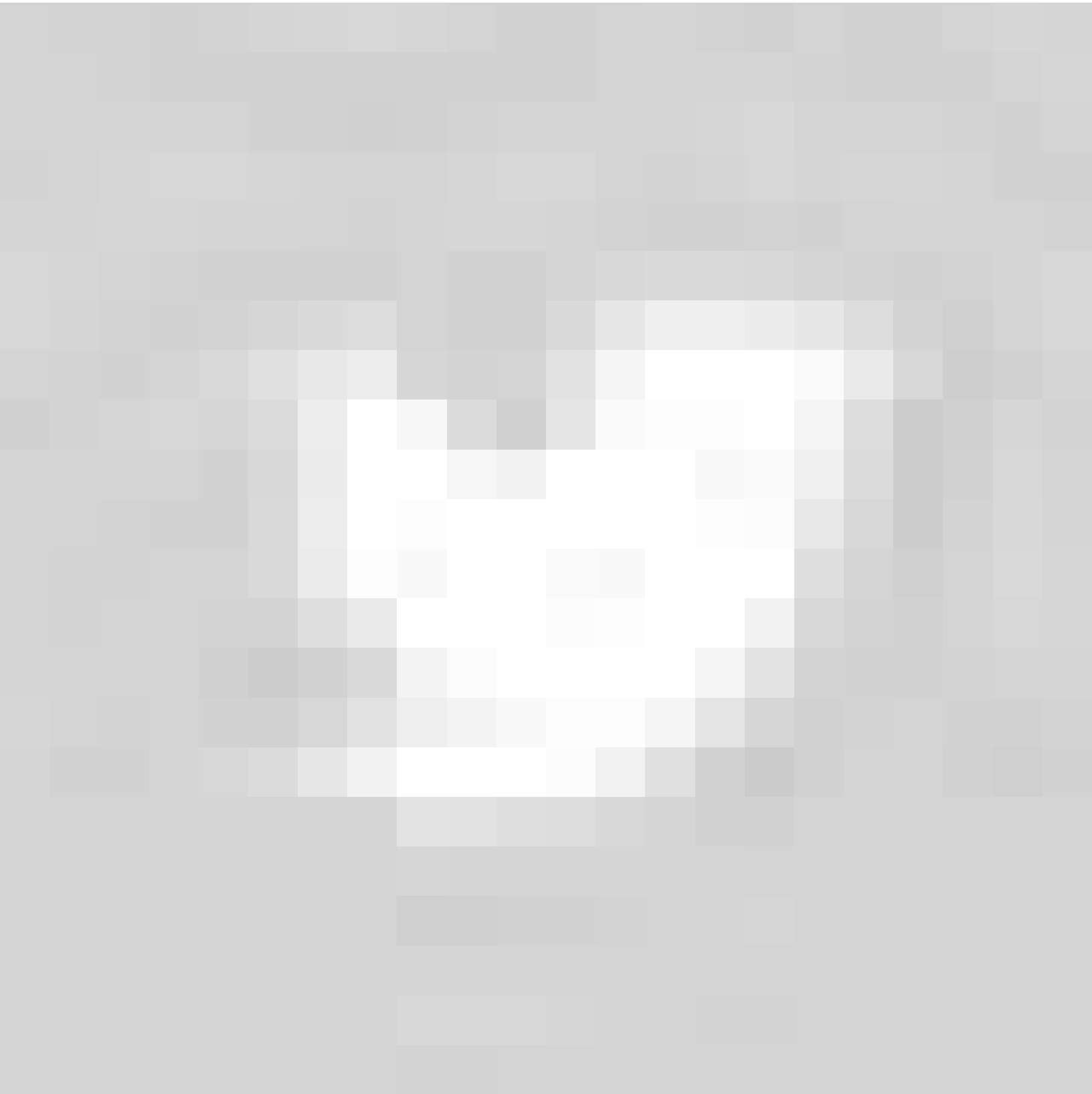
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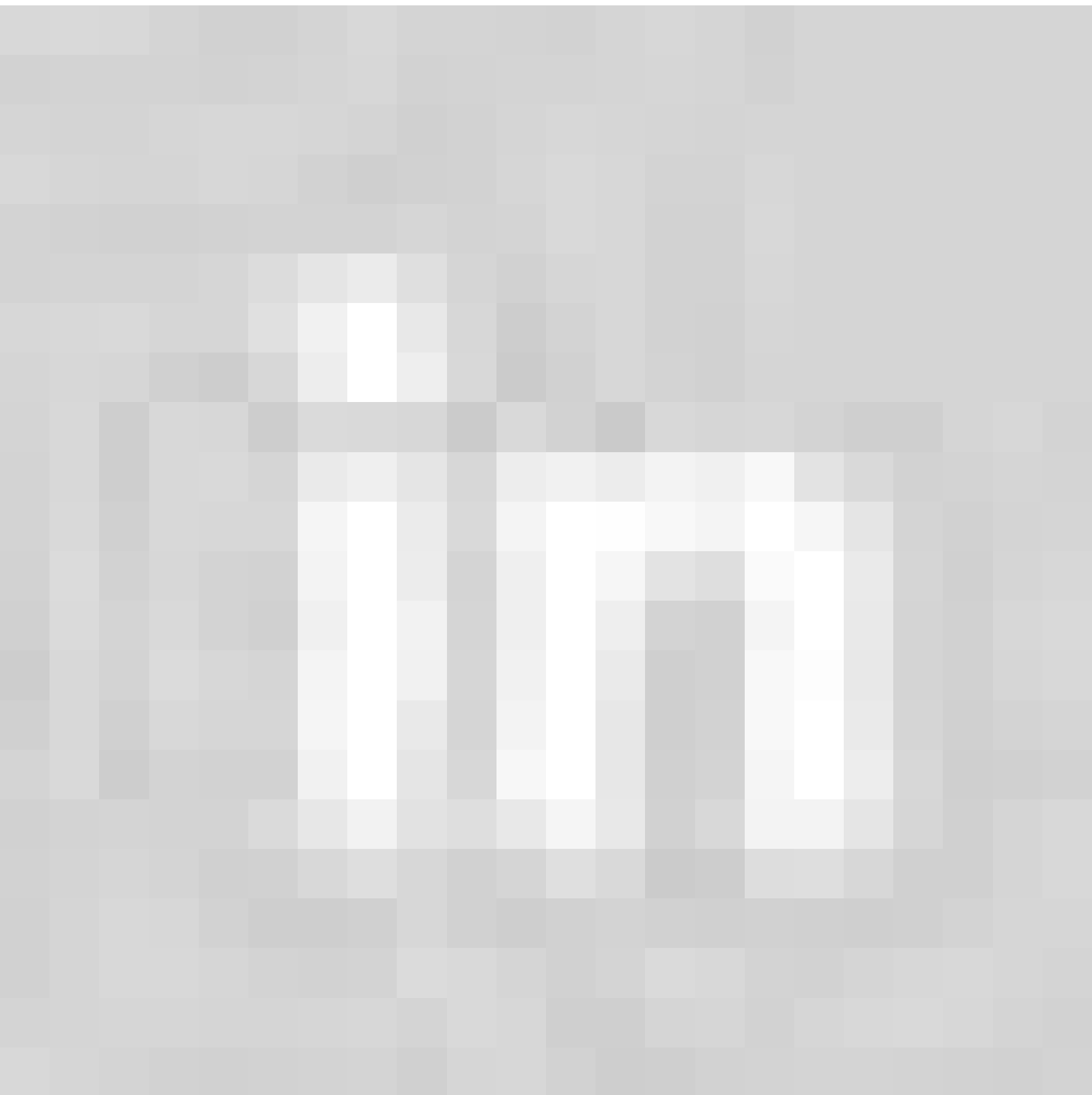
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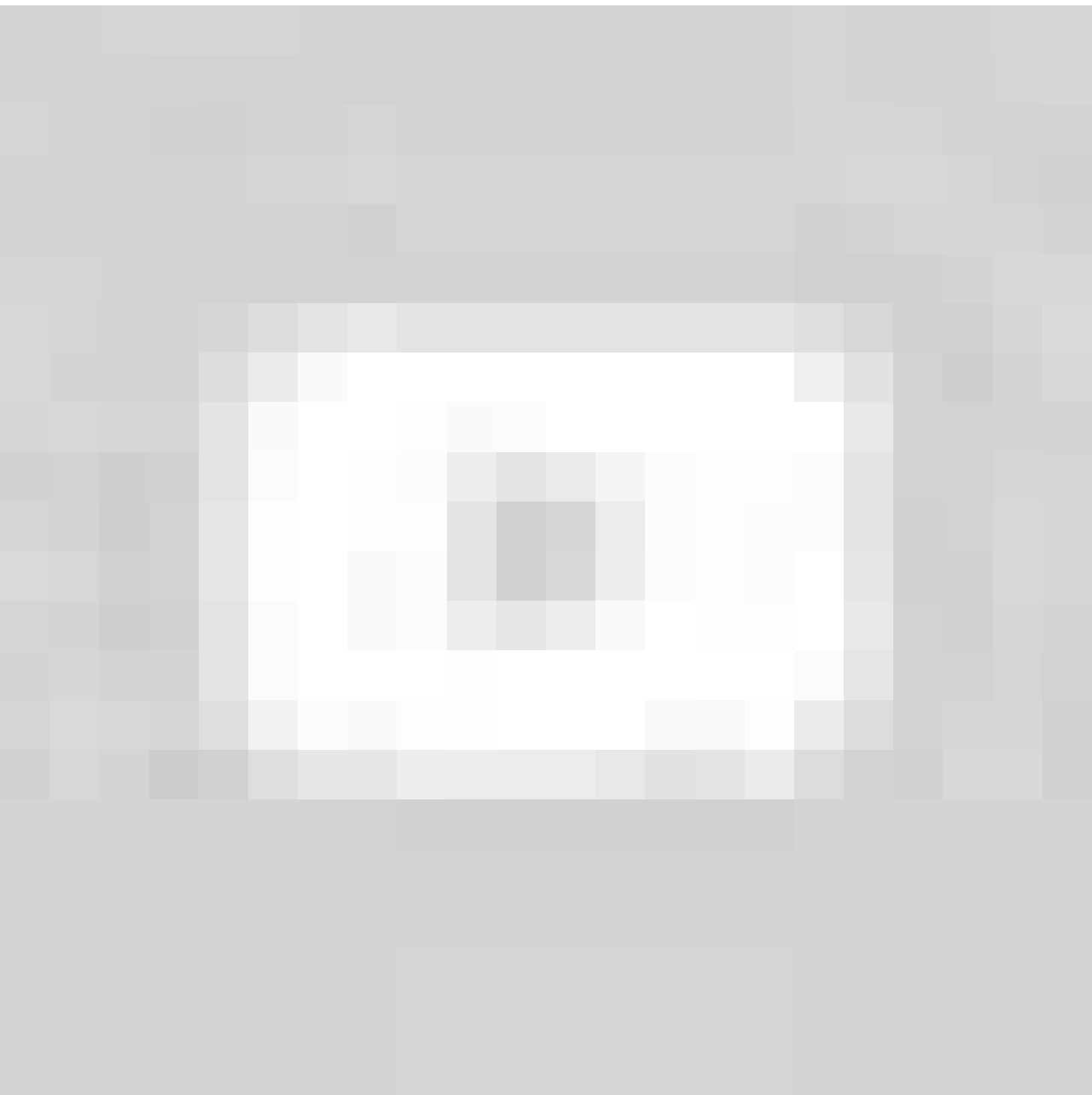
[Questions about COVID-19? Visit WMC's Business Resource Center at wmc.org/coronavirus](http://www.wmc.org/coronavirus)











From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 6:13 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>; Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: tomorrow's virtual session test

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Date: April 1, 2020 at 4:44:25 PM CDT
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Cc: "Vick, Jason" <Jason.Vick@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: tomorrow's virtual session test

Chiefs, in case your boss reaches out to you with questions about tomorrow's test, here's the rundown. LTSB will be available and on standby to help anyone having issues. The link LTSB sends tomorrow is for the Senator only, as it is part of the verification process that is required. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. -Matt

The following are step-by-step instructions for Senators to log in tomorrow:

Before 10:30 AM (ideally between 8 AM and 10 AM)

1. Power on the laptop
2. Log onto Windows (requires entering your Legislative username and password)
3. Connect to the VPN client (requires entering your Legislative username and password)

10:30 AM

1. Join the Skype for Business conference link (sent tomorrow morning by LTSB to your legislative personal account, *[first.last@legis.wi.gov]*)
2. Take a few moments to confirm you can see and hear the video feed and that you can be seen and heard (LTSB will walk you through this)
3. Open the link to the virtual site (sent tomorrow morning by LTSB to your legislative personal account)

11:00 AM

1. Be available for the Virtual Senate Session orientation

Additional Assistance

LTSB has created a priority phone number available to Senators to assist with any of the steps above. The phone number is: **608-283-1860** (available 7 AM-12 PM, Thursday).

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 10:16 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>; Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: updated LFB memo - not final
Attachment(s): "07 Summary of Provisions Draft.pdf", "ATT00001.htm"

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Subject: updated LFB memo - not final

Version 2 attached - your feedback today is appreciated and is being taken under consideration, more changes will follow - for now please keep this on hand as the *most recent* draft
-Dan

Summary of Provisions

ADMINISTRATION

1. EMPLOYEE TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Authorize the Secretary of DOA to transfer any employee from one executive branch agency to another executive branch agency to provide services for the receiving agency during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, including any extension by joint resolution of the Legislature. Specify that the receiving agency must pay all salary and fringe benefit costs of the employee during the time he or she is providing services for the receiving agency. Further, specify that any transfer would remain in effect until rescinded by the Secretary of DOA or 90 days after the public health emergency is terminated, whichever is earliest. Specify that an employee may not receive a salary increase upon transfer to a state agency, nor may an employee receive a salary increase upon return to the sending state agency. Require the Secretary of DOA to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Finance no later than June 1, 2020, and on the first day of each subsequent month during the emergency period, that provides information on all employee transfers. Specify that the report identify the number of employees transferred, the title of each employee transferred, the title the employee assumed at the receiving agency, and the reasons for each employee transfer.

2. LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYEE HOURS

Specify that the Director of the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection in DOA's Division of Personnel Management may increase or suspend the number of hours for a limited-term appointment for the duration of a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Under current law, a limited-term appointment is a provisional appointment for less than 1,040 hours per year.

3. USE OF ANNUAL LEAVE

Specify that a state employee may take annual leave within the first six months of the employee's probationary period upon initial appointment during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that if such an employee who has taken annual leave terminates his or her employment before earning annual leave equivalent to the amount of annual leave the employee has taken, the appointing authority would be required to deduct the cost of the unearned annual leave from the employee's final pay.

Under current law, an employee, with the approval of his or her appointing authority, may anticipate the annual leave which he or she could earn during the current calendar year, but no employee is eligible to take annual leave until he or she has completed the first six months of a

probationary period for an original job appointment unless the employee uses annual leave that he or she accrued while serving in an unclassified position.

4. STATE EMPLOYMENT FILINGS AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Specify that a state employee does not waive his or her right to appeal an adverse employment decision if the employee does not timely file a complaint or appeal during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that the tolling period for an employee to file such a complaint with the appointing authority would begin 14 days after the termination of the declared public health emergency or extension. In addition, specify that an appointing authority or his or her designee is not required to meet with a complainant in person when conducting an investigation related to such a complaint filed by an employee during a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

Under current law, to commence the grievance process for an adverse employment action, a state employee must file a complaint with the employee's appointing authority challenging the adverse employment decision against the employee no later than 14 days after the employee becomes aware of, or should have become aware of, the decision that is the subject of the complaint. Also under current law, an appointing authority or his or her designee who receives a timely complaint must conduct any investigation they consider necessary, meet with the employee in person, and issue a decision in writing no later than 14 days after the date on which the complaint is received.

AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

1. PROHIBITION ON RETURNS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Prohibit a retail establishment from accepting the return of fresh or packaged food, cleaning supplies, personal care products, or paper products purchased during a public health emergency as declared by the Governor under s. 323.10 of the statutes, or within 30 days after the emergency ends. However, allow a retailer to accept the return of food, personal care products, cleaning supplies, or paper products within seven days of purchase for any reason, or at any time any time if a product was contaminated due to improper production or packaging. Further, allow retail establishments to accept returns of other types of products at any time.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS

1. AUTHORIZE TRUST FUND LOANS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Allow BCPL to offer loans from the common school fund and other school trust funds to nonprofit municipal utilities during the state of emergency declared by the Governor under Executive Order 72, including any extension granted by the Legislature, and up to 60 days after the emergency declaration expires. Specify BCPL may offer loans to ensure that the utility is able to maintain liquidity during the emergency period, and authorize BCPL to issue loans for amounts and conditions as may be agreed upon by a borrower. Further, specify that the Legislature determines the loans serve a public purpose.

Under current law, BCPL makes loans to school districts, municipalities, sewer districts and other public entities from the school trust funds that it manages. BCPL typically offers 10-year loans with low fixed interest rates. Under statute, BCPL loans must have an interest rate greater than 2%. BCPL does not charge a pre-payment penalty.

The public health emergency allows commercial and residential ratepayers to temporarily suspend utility payments without losing service. The provision is intended to allow BCPL to extend loans to municipal utilities so that they may continue to meet obligations in the event of a temporary loss of revenues.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION RESERVES

1. JOINT FINANCE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS

Specify that the Joint Committee on Finance could reduce certain general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations, suspend law changes that would decrease state general fund tax revenues, and rescind proposed general wage adjustments for state and UW System employees if the general fund condition statement issued by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows an estimated deficit in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Require the Fiscal Bureau to prepare a revised general fund condition statement for the 2019-21 biennium no later than June 15, 2020, and submit the report to the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance. If the report projects that the estimated gross general fund balance on June 30, 2021, will be negative, require that the cochairpersons convene a meeting of the Committee no later than June 24, 2020.

Specify that the Committee could take action at the required meeting to reduce the amount of any general purpose revenue appropriation in the appropriation schedule for the 2020-21 fiscal year,

except for the following: (a) sum sufficient appropriations; (b) the appropriation for Medical Assistance benefits under the Department of Health Services; and (c) the appropriations to pay debt service on appropriation obligation bonds. Additionally, the Committee could take action to delay the effective date, initial applicability, or implementation of any provision contained in any enactment of the 2019 Legislature that would have the effect of reducing general purpose revenues. Specify that if the provision relates to taxation, the delay could not extend beyond the taxable year that begins after December 31, 2021, and any other such delay could not extend beyond June 30, 2023.

Additionally, specify that the Committee could take action at the meeting to rescind the January, 2021, general wage adjustment of 2% provided under the state employee compensation plan and the January, 2021, wage adjustments provided to UW System employees under its proposed pay plan, notwithstanding the actions of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations on December 18, 2019, in approving the state employee compensation plan and the proposed pay plan of the UW System. Funding in compensation reserves associated with the above January, 2021, wage adjustments totals \$20,517,000 GPR (\$47,559,100 all funds) in 2020-21.

2. TRANSFERS FROM SUM SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

Allow the Joint Committee on Finance to transfer up to \$25 million from sum sufficient appropriations during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension period, and for a period of up to 90 days after the termination of the state of emergency. Transferred funds could be used for expenditures related to the state of emergency.

Under current law, the Joint Committee on Finance can transfer funds between two appropriations or between two fiscal years in the same biennium if the transfer would eliminate unnecessary duplication of functions, result in a more efficient and effective method for performing programs, or more effectively carry out legislative intent. Such transfer must be for purposes which have been authorized or directed by the Legislature, and cannot change legislative intent. Current law does not allow a transfer from a sum sufficient appropriation to other types of appropriations.

BUILDING COMMISSION

1. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDING REFUNDING AUTHORITY

Increase the bonding authorization for refunding of any outstanding tax-supported or self-amortizing state general obligation debt by \$725,000,000, from its current level of \$6,785,000,000 to \$7,510,000,000. These bonds could only be issued if the debt refinancing meets the current law requirement that the true interest costs of the state must be reduced. The authorization for this refunding bonding was last increased in 2017 Act 59 (the 2017-19 budget).

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

1. REHIRED ANNUITANTS IN CRITICAL POSITIONS

Specify that a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participant who is hired by a participating employer during a public health emergency declared by the Governor may elect to not suspend his or her annuity for the duration of the public health emergency if: (a) at the time of terminating employment, the participant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services; and (b) the position for which the annuitant is hired is a critical position. Further, specify that the current break-in-service requirement of 75 days would not apply to a participant who is hired for a critical position during the public health emergency if at least 15 days have elapsed between the termination of employment and becoming a participating employee. Require the head of each state agency and each local health department, based on guidance provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, to determine which positions within the respective state agency or local government are critical when the Governor declares a public health emergency, for the purposes of administering the provisions applicable to rehired annuitants.

Under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, must suspend their annuity and become a participating WRS employee if they are employed in covered employment, or enter into a contract with a WRS employer, and are expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Also under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, has a break-in-service requirement of 75 days between termination of employment and becoming a participating employee with a WRS employer. This separation from WRS employment must occur for an individual who applied for an annuity or lump sum payment to continue to qualify for an annuity or to retain the lump sum payment.

2. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Specify that, for the purposes of group health insurance coverage offered by the Group Insurance Board, an employee who returns from a leave of absence and who has not resumed active duty for at least 30 consecutive calendar days on the date that the Governor declares a public health emergency is deemed to have ended or interrupted the leave of absence on that date. The public health emergency related to COVID-19 was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020.

Under current law, a leave of absence is not deemed ended or interrupted until the employee has resumed active performance of duty for 30 consecutive calendar days for at least 50 percent of what is considered the employee's normal work time with the employer. Also under current law, a state or local public employer that provides its employees health insurance coverage through a plan offered by the Group Insurance Board must continue to pay required employer contributions, if any, toward the health insurance premium of an insured employee while the insured employee is on a leave of absence for the first three months of the leave of absence, or for the entire leave of absence

if the insured employee is receiving temporary disability compensation. Under the provision, an employee of such an employer who returns from a leave of absence, and who was eligible to receive an employer contribution towards health insurance premiums prior to commencing the leave of absence, would be immediately eligible for the employer contribution towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. GOVERNMENTAL DEADLINES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that a state or local governmental unit, during an emergency period, may suspend any deadline associated with a program or action that the state or local governmental unit administers or enforces. Define "emergency period" as the period covered by a public health emergency plus 30 days after the end of the emergency. Define "deadline" to mean any date certain by which, or any limitation as to time within which, an action or event is required to occur. Specify that a state or local governmental unit may not charge any interest or penalties that would otherwise apply with respect to the suspended deadlines. Specify that the suspension of deadlines would not apply to any elections-related deadlines. Specify that during an emergency period, a state or local unit of government may suspend any training requirements that are associated with programs the state or local unit of government administers or enforces. The provision would first apply to deadlines or training requirements during a public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order #72, including any extensions.

Specify that the suspension of deadlines does not apply to tax-filing deadlines with respect to tax revenues deposited to the general fund, certain taxes and fees deposited to the transportation fund, or to interest and penalties on property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. These tax-filing deadlines are described under "Revenue."

2. IN PERSON APPEARANCE WAIVER

Specify that the head or governing body of a state entity may waive a requirement imposed, administered, or enforced by the state entity that an individual appear in person during a public health emergency declared by the Governor if the head or governing body finds that the waiver assists in the state's response to the public health emergency or that enforcing the requirement may increase the public health risk. Define "state entity" to mean any state agency, institution of higher education, association, society, or other body in state government, created or authorized to be created by the Constitution or any law that is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law, including the Legislature, the Courts, and any authority.

3. EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products in response to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order 72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.

4. EXEMPTION TO 50 PIECE RULE FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Allow a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office to use public funds to pay for communications related to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order #72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) if the communications are made during the emergency period, or within 30 days after termination of the emergency period.

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office may not use public funds to pay for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material during the campaign season.

HEALTH SERVICES

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS TO MEET CONDITIONS FOR ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE

Authorize DHS to take certain actions, as described below, to satisfy criteria for qualifying for enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available during an emergency period declared in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, as established by the federal Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Under this provision, the Department would be authorized to do the following on a temporary basis: (a) suspend monthly premiums for childless adults covered under the medical assistance (MA) program; (b) suspend the requirement that childless adults complete a health risk

assessment questionnaire for childless adults, as a condition of MA eligibility; (c) delay the implementation of a community engagement requirement for childless adults until the date that is either: (1) 30 days after the day the federal government has approved the community engagement implementation plan; or (2) 30 days after the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the declared federal public health emergency associated with the novel coronavirus pandemic occurs; and (d) maintain continuous enrollment of for any MA beneficiary who is enrolled as of the date of passage of the FFCRA (March 18, 2020), or who subsequently enrolls in the program during the period of the federal public health emergency, until the end of the end of the final month during which the federal public health emergency is in effect.

The Department of Health Services implemented the monthly premiums and health risk questionnaire beginning on February 1, 2020, under terms of a federal waiver applicable for Medicaid coverage for childless adults. The community engagement provision is another waiver provision, which has not yet been implemented. Under provisions established under 2017 Act 370, the deadline for implementation of this provision is currently April 29, 2020, although the federal government has not approved the final implementation plan.

The FFCRA increases each state's FMAP by 6.2 percentage points during any calendar quarter for which the COVID-19 federal public health emergency is in effect, provided that the state meets certain maintenance of effort criteria. This increase will apply, at a minimum to the first two quarters of 2020, January through March, and April through June. Based on current expenditure levels in the state's medical assistance program, the increase to the state's FMAP will increase federal Medicaid matching funds by approximately \$150 million per quarter, or approximately \$300 million over the two quarters covering the final six months of state fiscal year 2019-20.

In order to qualify for the FMAP increase, states must: (a) not adopt more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for their Medicaid programs than were in effect on January 1, 2020; (b) not charge a higher premium for any eligibility groups than was in effect on January 1, 2020; (c) ensure that any person who was enrolled as of the date of enactment of the FFCRA or who enrolls during the federal public health emergency be eligible for benefits through the end of the month in which the public health emergency period ends; and (d) provide coverage of COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries without cost sharing. With respect to premiums, a state is not ineligible for the FMAP increase during the 30-day period following the passage of the FFCRA (that is, through April 17, 2020), if it had a premium in effect on the date of passage that would otherwise not be in compliance with the maintenance of effort requirement.

Since the state's childless adult waiver provisions were implemented after January 1, 2020, the provisions must be suspended in order for the state to qualify for the enhanced FMAP. In addition, the state must make modifications to eligibility review processes to ensure continuous enrollment for MA beneficiaries during the federal public health emergency. The changes under this item, which would be established in a nonstatutory provision, are intended to make the state eligible to receive enhanced FMAP under the FFCRA.

2. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL WAIVER REQUESTS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt a Department of Health Services (DHS) request for a waiver, amendment to a waiver, state plan amendment, or other federal approval from the current law provisions, enacted in 2017 Wisconsin Act 370, relating to legislative authorization for, and review of, such requests during the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus. Specify that such an exemption applies only if the request is any of the following:

Relating to the medical assistance program. Any of the following:

- Allowing providers to receive payments for services provided in alternative settings to recipients affected by 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving preadmission screening and annual resident review requirements when recipients are transferred;
- Allowing hospitals who hold a state license but have not yet received accreditation from the Joint Commissioner to bill the medical assistance program during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving payment of the application fee to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving pre-enrollment criminal background checks for providers that are enrolled in the Medicare program to temporarily enroll the provider in the medical assistance program for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving site visit requirements to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Ceasing revalidation of providers who are enrolled in the medical assistance program or otherwise directly impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency for 90 days or until termination of the public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving the requirement that physicians and other health care professionals be licensed in the state in which they are providing services if they have equivalent licensing in another state or are enrolled in the federal Medicare program;
- Waiving prior authorization requirements for access to covered state plan or waiver benefits;
- Expanding the authority under Section 1905 (a) of the federal Social Security Act regarding nonemergency transportation to allow for reimbursement of any eligible individual under the medical assistance program, additional vendors, transportation for caregivers going to provide services to recipients, and meal delivery to medical assistance recipients;

- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to state plan and waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines specified in the medical assistance state plan to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health director meeting;
- Modifying the requirement under federal law to submit the state plan amendment by March 31, 2020, to obtain an effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020;
- Simplifying program administration by allowing for temporary state plan flexibilities rather than requiring states to go through the state plan amendment submission and approval process;
- Waiving timely filing requirements for billing under federal law to allow time for providers to implement changes;
- Expanding hospital presumptive eligibility to include the population over age 65 and disabled;
- Allowing flexibility for submission of electronic signatures on behalf of a medical assistance recipient by application assistors if a signature cannot be captured in person;
- Waiving requirements for managed care organizations to complete initial and periodic recredentialing of network providers if the providers meet medical assistance provider enrollment requirements during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Requiring managed care organizations to extend preexisting authorizations through which a medical assistance recipient has received prior authorization until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving sanctions under Section 1877 (g) of the Social Security Act relating to limitations on physician referral;
- Allowing flexibility in how a teaching physician is present with the patient and resident including real-time audio and video or access through a window;
- Waiving certain equipment requirements in hospital equipment maintenance requirement guidance issued on December 20, 2013, to maintain the health and safety of the hospitals' patients and providers;
- Creating provisions allowing for additional flexibilities to allow for the use in nursing homes of physician extenders in place of medical directors and attending physicians and telehealth options;
- Waiving notice of transfers within a nursing home due to medically necessary protection from the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving requirements to document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure a safer and orderly intrafacility nursing home transfer;

- Waiving requirements for a nursing home bedhold policy;
- Waiving the requirements for nursing home in-service education under federal law;
- Waiving nurse staffing information and posting of that information for nursing homes;
- Suspending the requirement that a pharmacist go monthly to the nursing home to do record review;
- Waiving or lessening requirements for a paid feeding assistant program in nursing homes and setting guidelines for training to assist with the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
- Waiving the annual and quarterly screening of fire extinguishers and any other annual maintenance review for nursing homes;
- Allowing all clinical hours required under federal law to be online simulation;
- Waiving under federal law the loss of the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program;
- Waiving the requirements under federal law for training of paid feeding assistants;
- Allowing home health agencies to perform certifications, initial assessments, and determine homebound status remotely or by record review;
- Waiving life safety codes for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities under federal law and for hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, critical access hospitals and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities relating to fire alarm system maintenance and testing, automatic sprinkler and standpipe system inspection, testing, and maintenance, and inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers.

Relating to the home and community-based waiver programs of Family Care, IRIS, and Children's Long-Term Supports. Any of the following:

- Allowing all waiver services and administrative requirements that that can be provided with the same functional equivalency of face-to-face services to occur remotely;
- Removing the requirement to complete a 6-month progress report to reauthorize prevocational service;
- Removing the limitation that quotes from at least 3 providers must be obtained and submitted for home modifications;
- Removing the limitation preventing supportive home care from being provided in adult family homes and residential care apartment complexes;
- Removing the limitation preventing personal or nursing services for recipients in residential care apartment complexes;

- Removing the limitation that participants cannot receive other waiver services on the same day as receiving respite care;
- Allowing adult day service providers, prevocational providers, and supported employment providers to provide services in alternate settings;
- Allowing up to three meals per day for home delivered meals for Family Care and IRIS program enrollees and adding home delivered meals as a benefit in the Children's Long-Term Supports waiver;
- Removing the limitation on using moneys to relocate individuals from an institution or family home to an independent living arrangement;
- Allowing any individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to reside in a community-based residential facility with greater than eight beds;
- Modifying the scope of the child care benefit to allow for the provision of child care payments for children under the age of 12 in the program for direct care workers and medical workers who need access to child care during the emergency;
- Allowing for all home and community-based waiver services to be provided in temporary settings;
- Allowing home and community-based waiver services to be provided temporarily in an acute care hospital or in a short-term institutional stay;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services provided in settings outside this state;
- Allowing general retailers to provide assistive technology or communication aids;
- Allowing providers certified or licensed in other states or enrolled in the Medicare program to perform the same or comparable services in this state;
- Delaying provider licensing or certification reviews;
- Allowing DHS to waive provider qualifications as necessary to increase the pool of available providers;
- Allowing 4-year background checks to be delayed;
- Expanding transportation providers to include individual and transportation network companies;
- Allowing noncertified individuals to provide home delivered meals;
- Allowing nursing students to provide allowable nursing services;
- Allowing parents to be paid caregivers for their minor children in the Children's Long-

Term Supports program when providing a service that would otherwise have been performed and paid for by a provider;

- Allowing for qualified individuals to provide training to unpaid caregivers;
- Waiving choice of provider requirements;
- Waiving the managed care network adequacy requirements under federal law;
- Waiving requirements to complete initial and required periodic credentialing of network providers;
- Adding a verbal and electronic method to signing required documents;
- Allowing the option to conduct evaluations, assessments, and person-centered service planning meetings virtually or remotely in lieu of face-to-face meetings;
- Allowing the lessening of prior approval or authorization requirements;
- Allowing for data entry of incidents into the incident reporting system outside of typical timeframes;
- Waiving the requirement to distribute member-centered plans to essential providers;
- Allowing DHS to draw federal financing match for payments, such as hardship or supplemental payments, to stabilize and retain providers who suffer extreme disruptions to their standard business model or revenue streams as a result of the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Allowing DHS to waive participant liability for room and board when temporarily sheltered at noncertified facilities;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services;
- Allowing managed care enrollees to proceed almost immediately to a state fair hearing without having a managed care plan resolve the appeal first by permitting DHS to modify the timeline for managed care plans to resolve appeals to one day so the impacted appeals satisfy the exhaustion requirements and give enrollees more time to request a fair hearing;
- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health directors meeting;
- Waiving timelines for reports, required surveys, and notifications;
- Allowing the extension of the certification period of level-of-care screeners;
- Allowing the waiver of requirements related to home and community-based settings on a case by case basis in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of affected beneficiaries under

federal law;

- Applying any provisions under this paragraph automatically to the concurrent 1915 (b) waiver;
- Allowing the waiver enrollment or eligibility changes based on a completed functional screen resulting in a change in level-of-care;
- Allowing for continued enrollment in the Children's Long-Term Supports program past the ages of 18 and 21; and
- Allowing the suspension of involuntary disenrollment.

3. GRANTS FOR UNREIMBURSED COVID-19 COSTS

Authorize the Department of Health Services to submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance during the 2019-21 biennium for an appropriation supplement to make grants to healthcare providers for unreimbursed costs associated with treatment of patients with COVID-19.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR NURSE AIDES

Prohibit the Department of Health Services from requiring an instructional program for nurse aides in Wisconsin to exceed the federally required minimum total training hours or minimum hours of supervised practical training.

Currently, nurse aides in Wisconsin are required to complete a minimum of 120 total training hours, including 32 hours of supervised practical training. Federal law currently requires nurse aides to complete 75 total training hours, including 16 hours of supervised practical training.

5. HOSPITAL AND DHS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Require every hospital, isolation facility, and other entity that provides hospitalization (hereafter, "facilities") to submit information to the Department of Health Services (DHS), and require DHS to publicly report information it receives, as described below.

Facility Reporting

Daily Reports. Require every facility to report the following information to DHS daily: (a) the number of new positive COVID-19 test results for individuals working at the facility and for patients; (b) the daily census of COVID-19 patients in the facility; (c) the daily census of presumptive COVID-19 cases in the facility; (d) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, in a bed in the facility's intensive care unit (ICU); and (e) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, who are on ventilators. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Weekly Reports. Require every facility to report the following information on a weekly basis:

(a) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a regular hospital bed to a bed in an intensive care unit, and, as applicable, onto a ventilator, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (b) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a bed in an intensive care unit or being on a ventilator to a regular hospital bed, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (c) the number of patients who were confirmed to have COVID-19 and who were released from the facility, including the amount of time each patient spent in the facility. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Reporting Ventilators Owned by Facilities. By April 14, 2020, require each facility to report to DHS the number of ventilators they own on that date. Further, require each facility to report to DHS any change in the number of functional ventilators it owns, including the number of ventilators it owns that are no longer functional, the day after the facility's number of functional ventilators changes.

DHS Reporting and Authority to Withhold CARES Act Funds for Noncompliance

DHS Reporting. Beginning April 24, 2020, require DHS to report publicly all of the following: (a) on a daily basis, the information facilities are required to report on a daily basis; (b) on a weekly basis, the information facilities are required to report on a weekly basis; and (c) the daily availability of ventilators in the state, including any ventilators acquired directly by DHS; and (d) the total number of individuals in the state that are using ventilators.

Imposition of Penalties for Noncompliance. Authorize DHS to create a metric to allow the Department to measure compliance with the data reporting requirements and to withhold funding available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) to noncompliant health care providers.

6. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Require the Department of Health Services to develop, under the MA program, a payment system based on performance to incentivize participation in health information data sharing to facilitate better patient care, reduced costs, and easier access to patient information.

Require DHS to establish performance metrics for the payment system that satisfy all of the following: (a) the metric must include participation by providers in a health information exchange at a minimum level of patient record access; (b) the payment under the payment system must increase as the participation level in the health information exchange increases; (c) the payment system must begin in the 2021 rate year; and (d) for purposes of this payment system, require DHS to seek any available federal moneys, including any money available for this purpose under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), to assist small, rural providers with the costs of information technology setup to participate in the health information exchange.

7. SENIORCARE COVERAGE OF VACCINATIONS

Expand the SeniorCare prescription drug assistance program to include coverage of vaccinations that are recommended for administration to adults by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization practices and approved for the administration to adults by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Require DHS to provide reimbursement under SeniorCare for the administration of vaccinations to health care providers, including pharmacies and pharmacists, provided that the enrollee has met the program's deductible requirements or is not required to pay a deductible. Require the Department to use the same method of reimbursement for the ingredient and dispensing fees as is used for vaccinations under the medical assistance program. Require the Department to devise and distribute a claim form for use by health care providers for vaccinations. Authorize DHS to limit payment for vaccinations to claims that are submitted directly to the Department and specify that DHS may apply the same utilization and cost control procedures for vaccinations that apply under the medical assistance program.

Require DHS to seek to enter into rebate agreements with manufacturers who sell vaccines, modeled on current rebate agreements used in the program for prescription drugs. Specify that to the extent that rebate agreements are in place for vaccines, manufacturers must make rebate payments for vaccines for which reimbursement was provided under the SeniorCare program.

SeniorCare is a program administered by DHS that provides assistance with the purchase of prescription drugs for enrollees. To be eligible, enrollees must be at least 65 years old and meet income thresholds. Enrollees with an income exceeding 160% of the federal poverty level must meet a deductible requirements before becoming eligible for program benefits.

INSURANCE

1. NO COST SHARING FOR COVID-19 TESTING DURING 2020

Require any self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, any health insurance policy, and any state health plan that generally covers testing for infectious diseases to provide coverage of testing for COVID-19 without imposing any copayment or coinsurance on the individual covered under the policy or plan, for any such testing done prior to March 13, 2021.

2. PROHIBIT COVERAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON COVID-19

Prohibit any insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or self-insured health plan from using a current or past diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of COVID-19, as the basis for doing the following: (a) establishing rules, applicable to an individual or employer or other group, for eligibility for enrollment, continued eligibility to remain enrolled, or renewal of coverage; (b) canceling coverage during a contract term; (c) establishing rates for coverage; or (d) refusing to grant a grace period for

the payment of premium, if a grace period for payment of premium would generally be granted under the plan.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIMITS

Prohibit any health insurance policy, state employee health plan, or self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, or a pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a policy or plan from doing the following during the period covered by the state of emergency related to public health declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72: (a) requiring prior authorization for early refills of a prescription drug or otherwise restrict the period of time in which a prescription drug may be refilled; or (b) imposing a limit on the quantity of prescription drugs that may be obtained if the quantity is no more than a 90-day supply. Specify that these restrictions do not apply to a prescription drug that is classified as a controlled substance by the Controlled Substances Board.

4. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Specify that, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72, any physician or nurse anesthetist for whom Wisconsin is not a principal place of practice but who is authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis, may fulfill the state's practice liability insurance requirements by filing with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance a certificate of insurance for a policy of health care liability insurance issued by an insurer that is authorized in a jurisdiction accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Specify that such a physician or nurse anesthetist may elect, in a manner specified by the Insurance Commissioner by rule, to be subject to the state's liability provisions and the state's injured patients and families compensation program.

Health care providers are generally required to obtain liability insurance coverage, issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Wisconsin, for \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and for \$3,000,000 for all claims or occurrences in a year. Liabilities in excess of those amounts are paid from the state's injured patients and families compensation program, which is funded from assessments collected on providers. This item would allow out-of-state physicians and nurse anesthetists who are authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis during the declared public health emergency, to satisfy liability insurance requirements with a policy issued by an insurer authorized for business in another state or jurisdiction.

5. LIABILITY FOR PROVIDERS OF HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that any health care professional, health care provider or employee, agent, or contractor of a health care professional is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or any damages caused by actions or omissions taken in providing services to address, or in response to, the COVID-19 outbreak under circumstances that satisfy all of the following conditions: (1) the actions or omissions do not involve reckless or wanton conduct or intentional

misconduct; (2) the services are provided during a state of emergency declared by the Governor for the state or part of the state or during a period extending 60 days following the expiration of the state of emergency; and (3) the acts or omissions are substantially consistent with any of the following: (a) any direction, guidance, recommendation, or other statement made by a federal, state, or local official to address the COVID-19 outbreak; or (b) any guidance published by the Department of Health Services, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, or any divisions or agencies of the federal Department of Health and Human Services relied upon in good faith.

Specify that the liability protections established under these provisions do not apply if: (a) current statutory protections indemnifying volunteer practitioners or health care facilities during a public health emergency apply; or (b) current statutory limitations on liability of state or local units of government, or public shelters during a public health emergency apply.

For the purposes of this provision, the term "health care professional" would be defined as an individual who is licensed, registered, or certified by the Medical Examining Board or the Board of Nursing.

6. OUT-OF-NETWORK CHARGES AND PAYMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Specify that, during a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak that is declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or by the Governor, any defined network or preferred provider health plan may not require an enrollee to pay, including cost sharing, for a service, treatment, or supply rendered by a provider that is not in the plan's network more than the enrollee would pay if the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an in-network provider, if the following apply: (a) the service, treatment, or supply is related to a diagnosis or treatment for COVID-19; and (b) the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an out-of-network provider because no in-network provider is available due to the public health emergency. Specify that, in these circumstances, the plan must reimburse the out-of-network provider at 225 percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area.

Specify that, during a declared public health emergency related to COVID-19, any health care provider or facility that renders a service, treatment, or supply to an enrollee of a defined network plan or preferred provider plan that does not include the health provider or facility in its network must accept as payment in full any payment that is at least 225 percent of the Medicare rate for a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area. Prohibit the provider from charging the enrollee an amount that exceeds the amount the provider or facility is reimbursed by the defined network plan or preferred provider plan.

Authorize the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate any rules necessary to implement these provisions.

LEGISLATURE

1. LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU CRITERIA AND REPORTING

Specify in a nonstatutory provision that, beginning July 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2021, the Legislative Audit Bureau must use risk-based criteria to review selected programs affected by this proposal and selected expenditures made with funds authorized under this proposal. Further, require the Legislative Audit Bureau to report the results of its reviews at least quarterly to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and to the Legislature. Risk-based criteria could include review of expenditures at or above a certain threshold levels or the review of more recently created statutory programs.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

1. SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Specify that the Department of Public Instruction would not be required to publish school and school district accountability reports for the 2019-20 school year.

Under current law, DPI is required to publish accountability reports annually no later than November 30. The report cards issued each fall are based on data from assessments administered the previous spring.

2. PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

Specify that current law requiring assessments to be administered annually to pupils attending school in a public school district, independent charter school, private choice school, or special needs scholarship program school would not apply in 2019-20. Current law requires pupils to be given annual reading test in the 3rd grade, as well as assessments adopted by the State Superintendent in the 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Specify that pupil performance on assessments in the 2019-20 could not be considered for the evaluation of teachers and principals under the statewide educator effectiveness system. Under current law, the educator effectiveness system must be based in part upon measures of pupil performance, including performance on state assessments.

Modify statutory language under the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) to accommodate a one-year lapse in administering statewide assessments and publishing accountability reports. Under current law, a school district is subject to an OSPP if it is placed in the

lowest performance category in the school district accountability reports published in the three previous school years; no districts currently meet those criteria.

3. VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION REPORTS

Require school boards to submit a report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by November 1, 2020, regarding virtual instruction provided during the public health emergency in the 2019-20 school year during which public schools are closed by the Department of Health Services. The report would be required to include the following: (a) whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the public health emergency, and, if so, in which grades it was implemented; (b) if virtual instruction was implemented, the process for implementing the virtual instruction; (c) for each grade level, the average percentage of the 2020 spring semester instruction that was provided to pupils, including both in-person and virtual instruction; (d) whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help pupils learn content that they missed because of the public health emergency and, if so, what was provided to pupils; (e) recommendations for best practices for transitioning to and providing virtual instruction when schools are closed; (f) any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing virtual instruction during the public health emergency; (g) by position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the public health emergency; (h) the number of lunches the school board provided during the public health emergency; and (i) the total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during or because of the public health emergency in each of the following categories: utilities, transportation, food service, personnel (including reductions resulting from layoffs), and contract terminations. For purposes of the report, virtual instruction would include any instruction provided through means of the Internet, if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the instruction are geographically remote from each other.

Require DPI to compile and submit the information received from the school board reports to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature no later than January 1, 2021.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Specify that current law requiring a private school participating in a choice program to provide at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6 and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12 would not apply in the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, specify that the hours of instruction required for an institution to be defined as a private school would not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under current law, an institution must meet certain criteria to be considered a private school, including providing at least 875 annual hours of instruction.

5. STATEWIDE PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT DATES

Specify that the enrollment period for pupils who wish to participate in the statewide private school choice program in the 2020-21 school year could extend up to 60 days after the last day of

the public health emergency. Require participating private schools to submit to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) the number of pupils who have applied to attend the public school and the names of those applicants whose siblings have also applied to attend the private school within 14 days after the close of the enrollment period.

Under current law, the application period for the statewide choice program extends from the first weekday in February to the third Thursday in April, and schools must submit applicant information to DPI by the first weekday in May. For the 2020-21 school year, the final application period for pupils attending a private school under the Racine program ends on September 14, 2020, and the final application period for Milwaukee pupils ends on January 5, 2021.

REVENUE

1. PROPERTY TAX INTEREST PAYMENTS

For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, waive any interest charges and penalties for late payment, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are delinquent after October 1, 2020, interest charges and penalties would begin accruing as of October 1, 2020.

2. INTEREST AND PENALTIES DUE ON TAXES OWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Permit the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to waive interest and penalties for persons that owe, but fail to remit, general fund taxes, or taxes or fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, by the filing date if, in the Secretary's determination, that person failed to timely remit those taxes due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak of 2020. Specify that the Secretary must make this determination on a case-by-case basis. Specify that this provision applies only to general fund taxes, or taxes and fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, with filing dates that fall within, and interest and penalties that accrue during, the public health emergency that was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of time authorized under a joint resolution by the Legislature.

3. INCOME AND FRANCHISE TAX FILING EXTENSION

President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak on March 13, 2020. Following this declaration, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 21, 2020, that the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers who make estimated income tax payments that would otherwise be due on April 15 can make such payments by July 15 without incurring any

interest or penalties, regardless of amounts owed by a taxpayer. A taxpayer need not file any additional forms in order to qualify for this extended due date.

Wisconsin law provides similar treatment such that state income and franchise taxpayers with tax filing due dates of April 15, 2020, will have until July 15, 2020, to file their state income or franchise tax returns for tax year 2019, or make their first tax year 2020 estimated payment, without interest, penalty, or underpayment interest applying until that date.

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Specify that a health care provider credential, as defined below, is not subject to renewal, or any other conditions for renewal, including continuing education, and remains valid during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, and continuing for 60 days after the end of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension. Specify that these changes are notwithstanding the Department's general statutory authority and requirements relating to notice of renewals; renewal dates, fees, and applications; and late renewals, as well as the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, but subject to any professional discipline imposed on the credential.

Specify that a renewal that occurs subsequent to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, is not subject to the statutory late renewal fee if the application to renew the credential is received before the next applicable renewal date. Notwithstanding the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, the applicable credentialing board may, for that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from, or reduction of, continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

Definition. For these purposes, define a "health care provider credential" to mean any credential issued under the following state statutory chapters: Board of Nursing (ch. 441); Dentistry Examining Board (ch. 447); Medical Practices (ch. 448); Pharmacy Examining Board (ch. 450); Psychology Examining Board (ch. 455); Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy (ch. 460); or Radiographers and Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (ch. 462).

2. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR FORMER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DURING THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Authorize the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to grant temporary credentials to certain former health care providers during the state public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, as follows.

Issuance of Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS; and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Require DSPS to notify the health care provider if DSPS denies the provider's application for a temporary emergency credential.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under these provisions may provide services for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Require any health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential under these provisions to maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this provision expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Authority to Waive Credential Fees. Provide that, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, DSPS may waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. For these purposes, define "health care provider" to mean an individual who was at any time within the previous five years, but is not currently, any of the following, if the individual's credential was never revoked, limited, suspended, or denied renewal: (a) licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) licensed as a dentist under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) licensed as a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist under ch. 448 or certified as a respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d) licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) licensed as a psychologist under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

Define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate; and (b) "department" to mean DSPS.

3. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES

Authorize DSPS to grant temporary credentials to certain health care providers from other states during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency, as follows.

Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider, as defined below, if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS, and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Authorize DSPS to determine the appropriate scope of review of the background of a health care provider who applies for a temporary credential under this paragraph. Require that if DSPS denies a health care provider's application for a temporary credential under this section, DSPS must notify the health care provider of the reason for the denial.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under this paragraph may provide services for which the health care.

Require that a health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential granted under these provisions, must maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of the Temporary Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this paragraph expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Fee Waiver. Notwithstanding the Department's authority to require standard fees for initial credentialing and examinations and the applicable fee provisions in state statute, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, authorize DSPS to waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. Define "health care provider" to mean an individual who holds a valid, unexpired license, certificate, or registration granted by another state or territory that authorizes or qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as the acts that any of the following are licensed or certified to perform: (a) a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) a dentist licensed under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist licensed under ch. 448 or a respiratory care practitioner certified under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d)

a pharmacist licensed under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) a psychologist licensed under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

In addition define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate and (b) "department" to mean the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

4. PRESCRIPTION ORDER EXTENSIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Expand the manner in which a pharmacist can extend a prescription order. Specify that if a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription to be refilled and the prescription cannot be refilled under current state statutes governing initial fills and refills, the pharmacist may, subject to certain statutory conditions, extend the existing prescription order and dispense the drug to the patient, if the pharmacist has not received and is not aware of written or oral instructions from the prescribing practitioner prohibiting further dispensing pursuant to or extension of the prescription order.

Prohibit a pharmacist from extending a prescription order under this section if: (a) a prescribing practitioner has indicated, by writing on the face of the prescription order or, with respect to a prescription order transmitted electronically, by designating in electronic format the phrase "No extensions," or words of similar meaning; (b) the prescription is for a drug that is a controlled substance; or (c) if a prescription order was previously extended for that particular patient during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension of that public health emergency.

Further, prohibit a pharmacist acting under this provision from extending a prescription order to dispense more than a 30-day supply of the prescribed drug, except that if the drug is typically packaged in a form that requires a pharmacist to dispense the drug in a quantity greater than a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may extend the prescription order as necessary to dispense the drug in the smallest quantity in which it is typically packaged.

Require that a pharmacist, at the earliest reasonable time after acting under this provision, notify the prescribing practitioner or his or her office. However, specify that the pharmacist is not required to attempt to procure a new prescription order or refill authorization for the drug by contacting the prescribing practitioner or his or her office prior to acting under this provision. Authorize the pharmacist, after acting under this provision, to notify the patient or other individual that any further refills will require the authorization of a prescribing practitioner.

Specify that the authority granted under this provision applies only during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the governor, including any extension. During that time, clarify that this paragraph supersedes existing circumstances under which a pharmacist

may extend a prescription order to the extent of any conflict.

5. AUTOPSIES AND CREMATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS WHO DIED OF COVID-19

For the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, specify that:

- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner may issue a cremation permit to cremate the corpse of that deceased person without viewing the corpse;
- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner must issue, within 48 hours after the time of death, a cremation permit for the cremation of a corpse of a deceased person;
- If the underlying cause of a death is determined to be COVID-19, the person required to sign the death certificate must provide an electronic signature on the death certificate within 48 hours after the death occurs; and
- If an individual dies of COVID-19 while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual may be performed by any coroner or medical examiner in this state.

Define "COVID-19" to mean an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Under current law, a coroner or medical examiner must view the corpse of a deceased person before issuing a cremation permit, and the corpse may not be cremated within 48 hours after the death unless the death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease.

Further, under current law, if an individual dies while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual must be performed by the coroner or medical examiner of the county where the death occurred.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAITING WEEK

Provide that the waiting week requirement under current law would not apply with respect to benefit years that begin on or after March 12, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency

declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, and before January 3, 2021. Require the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to seek the maximum amount of federal reimbursement for benefits that are payable for the first week of a claimant's benefit year as a result of the application of this provision.

The CARES Act provides 100% federal funding of the first week of regular UI benefits for states with no waiting week through December 31, 2020, plus administrative expenses incurred to implement this provision. Under the Act, states may enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) for this funding if the state law, including a waiver of state law, provides that compensation is paid to individuals for their first week of regular unemployment without a waiting week. A state-federal agreement would apply to weeks of unemployment beginning after the date on which the agreement is entered into and ending on December 31, 2020. An agreement implementing this and other UI-related provisions of the CARES Act was signed by the DWD Secretary and USDOL on March 28, 2020.

Under current law, the claimant's waiting period is the first week of a claimant's benefit year for which the claimant is otherwise eligible for regular benefits. During a claimant's waiting period, no benefits are payable to the claimant. The waiting period does not affect a claimant's maximum benefit amount, which is 26 weeks of regular state benefits. However, claimants who do not reach the state's 26-week limit effectively receive one less week of benefits due to the waiting week requirement. A claimant must serve one waiting week per benefit year.

2. NON-CHARGING EMPLOYER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNTS

Require the Department of Workforce Development, when processing claims for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and evaluating work-share plans, to determine whether a claim or plan is related to the public health emergency (PHE) declared by the governor under Executive Order #72.

Provide that if a claim or plan is related to a PHE, regular benefits for that claim for weeks occurring after March 12, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, not be charged to an employer's UI account as normally provided. Instead, under the provision, UI benefits for those weeks would be charged to either: (a) the balancing account of the UI Trust Fund for contribution employers; or (b) DWD's existing interest and penalties account for reimbursable employers that are not subject to contribution requirements.

Under the provision, PHE non-charging provisions would not apply: (a) if the employer fails to timely and adequately provide any information required by the department; (b) to any benefits paid or reimbursed by the federal government, including the portion of any benefits reimbursed by the federal government for reimbursable employers; (c) to a claim for regular benefits that is a combined wage claim; (d) to work-share benefits reimbursed by the federal government; or (e) to certain benefits chargeable based on employment with the federal government.

Under current law, some UI benefit payments are not charged to a specific employer's account but are instead charged to the balancing account. The state's UI balancing account is supported by the solvency tax paid by employers and any interest earned on the state's UI trust

fund balance. There are seven basic categories of benefit payments charged to the balancing account: 10% write-offs, quits, misconduct, substantial fault, continued employment, approved training, and second benefit year. In the past, there have been other benefit programs that have been charged to the balancing account, including in 2002 when state temporary supplemental benefits were charged to the account.

3. WORK SHARE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Temporarily suspend, from the effective date of the provision through December 31, 2020, certain requirements of voluntary work-share plans submitted by employers, including: (a) the requirement that a work-share plan be limited to a particular work unit of the employer; (b) the requirement that the reduction in working hours under a work-share program must be at least 10% but not more than 50% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under the plan; (c) the requirements that at least 10% of the employees in a work unit be included in a work-share plan, and that the employer provide for initial coverage under the plan of at least 20 positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program; and (d) the requirement that reduced working hours be apportioned equitably among employees in the work-share program.

Specify that, during the suspension period: (a) work-share plans cover any employees of the employer; (b) the permissible reduction in working hours under a work-share program be not more than 60% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under a work-share plan; and (c) work-share plans cover at least two positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program.

Require the Department to allow employers to submit applications under this section using an online form, and require DWD to assist employers with submitting applications and developing work-share plans.

Allow the DWD Secretary to waive compliance with any temporary change required under this provision if the Secretary determines that the waiver of the requirement is necessary to permit continued federal certification of the state's UI program, or is necessary for the state to qualify for full federal financial participation in the cost of administration of the state's work-share program and in the financing of UI benefits to employees participating in the work-share program.

Work-share programs, which are also called "short-term compensation programs" under federal law, are designed to provide a prorated unemployment benefit for employees of employers who voluntarily make an agreement with the state to reduce work hours instead of laying off workers. For states that currently have a federally approved work-share program, like Wisconsin, the CARES Act would provide 100% federally funded UI benefits through December 31, 2020. Under current law, Wisconsin's work-share program is funded entirely through the employer's UI account.

4. EMPLOYEE RECORDS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Provide that during the period covered by a state of emergency related to a public health

emergency declared by the Governor, an employer is not required to provide an employee's personnel records within seven working days after an employee makes a request to inspect his or her personnel records, and an employer is not required to provide the inspection at a location reasonably near the employee's place of employment during normal working hours.

The statutes provide an employee or former employee has a right, with some exceptions, to inspect an employer's personnel documents that are used or have been used to determine the employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, termination or other disciplinary action, as well as view the employer's medical records of the employee. An employee may make such a request up to two times each calendar year. The provision would suspend, only during a public health emergency, the application of the two requirements described that employers must otherwise follow in accommodating an inspection request.

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From: Kelly, Scott
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Subject: Fwd: Wheeler Report - 03/28/20
Attachment(s): "banner-blue-on-white-520px.jpg", "powerphplist.png"
You should check this out. Some reasonable, some crazy, and a lot of power grabby the Governor

Sent from my iPad

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To: <Wheeler-Reports@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wheeler Report - 03/28/20

Saturday, March 28, 2020

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RELEASES DRAFT LEGISLATION

Governor Evers' office has released legislation they have drafted pertaining to COVID-19. There is [bill addressing various issues](#) and a [graph to explain](#) the necessity of each portion of the bill, and a [draft joint resolution](#) extending the public health emergency.

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Subject: Law Enforcement Coverage

Attachment(s): "19-6019_P1.pdf", "19-6018_P1.pdf"

Hi Van-

I got the bill drafted two ways – one that is specific to COVID-19, the other broader coverage for future events. I think we're more likely to get the specific than the broad.

I'm going to share with Dan Romportl as well so it's on Fitz's radar screen.

Scott

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 891.453 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** defining infectious
2 diseases for purposes of a presumption of employment-connected disease.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law contains a presumption for correctional officers, emergency medical service providers, fire fighters, or law enforcement officers that if the person showed no evidence of an infectious disease in a medical examination prior to employment in his or her role, but becomes disabled or dies because of the disease, the employment is presumed to have caused the disease for purposes of collecting disability or death benefits or certain retirement benefits. Under current law, for the purposes of this presumption, "infectious disease" is defined to include the human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, diphtheria, meningococcal meningitis, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, and severe acute respiratory syndrome. This bill adds to this list of infectious diseases any infectious disease for which a public health emergency is declared by the Wisconsin governor.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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(END)

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Subject: LFB Memo #2

So, I had a fun 90 minute conversation with Van this afternoon. After going through the second LFB memo he still has the following concerns:

He doesn't like the JFC authority (First item under Budget Management on Page 3). And he objects to the the specific mention of the 2%. After he talked with Lang this afternoon, he believes the current budget is in good shape, and the second year of the next budget is the problem one. Van thinks Evers should make the first move on cuts/tax increases. We can save the day rather than proactively saving his butt and targeting state workers. It's the worst of both worlds. Saving Tony, and targeting state workers (the ONLY specific cut mentioned in the whole doc)

Under Health Services (Page 7) he wants to be sure Evers can't take the Obamacare money.

He has lots of questions about the Waivers (starting with Page 9)...but they may be able to be overcome. Specifically:

- He wants to be sure Planned Parenthood can't get any money – he's specifically worried about the first bullet, but also generally
- Why would we waive pew-enrollment background checks? We're going to let a drug dealer be in an area with narcotics.
- Also on Pg 9 "Waiving site visit requirements..." When would the visit take place?
- There are a couple of "waiving public notices" (Pg 10, first bullet, for example). He is fine without pre-notification, but thinks there needs to be some notice that it has been waived given.
- Pg 10, near the bottom "Waiving certain equipment requirements in hospital equipment maintenance..." – Why? Otherwise no.
- On the bottom of pg 10 – What is the current documentation requirements for the transfer? And what does this do?
- Pg 11 – "Waiving nursing staffing information and posting" – Why?
- Pg 11 – "Waiving under federal law the Loss of the nurse Aide Training..." – what is this? Why?
- I mentioned the "waiving life safety codes" yesterday
- Pg 12 – "Allowing any individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to reside..." probably fine, wants to know why it's 8 beds, and concerned about how big of a place these individuals would be placed in.
- Pg 12 – "Allowing DHS to waive provider qualifications as necessary to increase the pool of available providers" – He thinks this is awfully broad.
- On page 13 – He wants to know what the second, fourth and 13th bullets are and why we're waiving them.
- On page 13 – "Allowing for data entry of incidents into the incident reporting system – What incidents are they talking about and why wouldn't we want to know ASAP?
- On page 13 – "Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable" (5th from bottom) – He wants at least some notice to be given once its waived. Not necessarily before

Generally in the wavier section, he also wants to know when the authority to waive ends.

Pg 14 – Facility Reporting – He wants to add how many people are released to the report, and he doesn't care if the Hospitals don't like it. We need all of that information.

Pg 20 – Virtual Inspection Reports – He's fine until (g) – He wants to know what the purpose is beyond that. He also wants to be sure districts are paying their vendors especially bus companies, minus fuel costs. (A version of our bill)

On a more general note – he thinks we should be working on a plan to reopen the economy. And get ahead of the ineptness coming out of the East Wing.

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https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf

This link was included in yesterday's newsletter but the Gov moved it. Can you post it again in today's newsletter?

Thanks

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Subject: Link

Hi Zach –

Can't find the link to the briefing. Can you resend?
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Subject: More Gun Ranges

Apparently, the DNR didn't get the message about the gun ranges....

<https://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorskills/shootingranges/rangelocations.html>

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Subject: More Van concerns

So here's my list so far:

He doesn't like:

Eliminating the wage adjustment for next year (Page 4,#3)

He has concerns with:

- The massive power given to JFC (page 3-4)
- Is the transfer from sum sufficient vetoable? Can it be written up or down? (page 4 #2)
- He would like to see the Civil liability exemption on Page 7 (Page 7 #3)
- Can Gov expand Medicaid (ObamaCare) under Page 7 #1?
- Page 21 #3 – Why? And he doesn't want school districts to reduce expenditures on contracts for transportation, food service and personnel. (Our bill)

As I hear more I'll let you know.

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 3:25 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: newsletter 4-2.docx
Attachment(s): "newsletter 4-2.docx"

White House COVID-19 Update

On Wednesday, I participated in a White House conference call with state and tribal leaders about the national response to pandemic, and the CARES Act. We heard from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Economic Advisor Larry Kudlow and officials from the Treasury, Labor and Homeland Security Departments and others. I came away impressed at how the many different branches of government are all trying their best to help the public during this difficult time.

Help For Small Businesses

Also on Wednesday, I had a briefing with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) CEO Missy Hughes about small business relief efforts. To learn about their efforts, you can click [here](#).

The 20/20 program which provides loans and grants up to \$20,000 for businesses with 20 employees or less can be found [here](#).

Also, as many of you already know, WEDC is making determinations about what is considered an “essential business.” I have heard from many of you that have been confused about various aspects of the definition of essential businesses. I have contacted both WEDC and Governor Evers’ office on your behalf to keep your businesses open.

Unemployment Assistance

Like the rest of the country, Wisconsin is experiencing record levels of unemployment. I know it can be a frustrating and scary time for people. The Department of Workforce Unemployment Division is understandably understaffed at the time, but they are ramping up their efforts to meet demand. By the end of this week, they will have more than doubled their staff by transferring people from other divisions. They are attempting to double that number of staff again next week.

As you probably know, the Federal CARES Act contains additional unemployment benefits. Every state is waiting for guidance from the US Department of Labor about these benefits, and when Wisconsin receives that guidance, we will be able to provide those federal benefits.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:21 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: newsletter 4-3.docx
Attachment(s): "newsletter 4-3.docx"

For today's newsletter. Put these Second and Third in the newsletter.

The lead will be Evers stupid plan for a special session tomorrow. But I won't be writing that for about 20 minutes.

Today, several Republican Senators had a teleconference with Department of Health Services Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm. It was a very productive meeting with a lot of good information shared. The conversation covered a variety of topics, but there are three areas I want to highlight for you.

- DHS is operating under the assumption that there are far more cases of COVID-19 than are being reported. Because symptoms vary from person to person, and some people don't require any medical treatment, many people may be carrying COVID-19 without knowing it, or getting tested. That's why it's important to maintain social distancing – you, or the person next to you could be carrying the illness, and then transmitting to others.
- There is evidence that the “Safer at Home” plan is working to flatten the curve. While the number of cases in Wisconsin is increasing steadily, it is doing so at a manageable level, and not doubling every day like we're seeing in New York and other areas.
- There is no shortage of COVID-19 tests in Wisconsin at this time. DHS believes they have adequate supplies, and that the supply chain is working to get more tests if needed.

Other areas discussed were the availability and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the economic and human cost of the safer at home order, and the possibility of loosening restrictions in areas of the state that are seeing little to know COVID-19 infections.

Readying for Legislative Virtual Session

Holding a legislative session in person is extremely difficult right now. In addition to the number of people involved, several senators are in the extreme risk group for contracting severe cases of COVID-19.

For that reason, on Thursday, the State Senate conducted a virtual “practice session.” Each Senator has a laptop or tablet which can access a secure legislative network. Through that secure legislative network Senator can interact with each other, review legislative materials, and vote. A roll call takes about 10 minutes, as opposed to about 3, and there were a few hiccups with the technology, but the virtual session seemed to go fairly well.

Assuming the bugs get worked out, the Legislature could be convening in a virtual session in a week or two.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:53 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: newsletter 4-9.docx
Attachment(s): "newsletter 4-9.docx"

Happy Easter and Passover

I want to wish you and your families a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. During the “Safer at Home” order, I know many traditional family celebrations will difficult to continue. But, I hope that you find a way to connect with your loved ones during this special time; whether it is by Skype, Facetime, Zoom, or a good old fashioned telephone call!

Local Companies Helping out

Earlier today, SC Johnson announced it is doubling its commitment to COVID-19 relief efforts to \$10 million and partnering with Save the Children, an organization committed to and helping children proper hygiene education, nutrition, and social-emotional support. It’s awesome to have such a great family company in our hometown.

If you or your company is helping out during the pandemic, drop me a line. I’d love to talk about your efforts as well!

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 4:08 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: newsletter

Court Action and Surprise Special Session on Election

Thursday afternoon, the US District Court in Madison made a couple of changes to the election. First, the judge extended the deadline allowing absentee ballots to be received and counted until the Monday following the election, April 13. The judge also eliminated the witness requirement on absentee ballots and prohibited the counting and release of election ballots.

Since March 12, Governor Evers had consistently said he was putting everything in position to hold the election. Then this afternoon, unsatisfied with the Madison judge's ruling, the Governor reversed his public position and called a special session for Saturday at 4:00 seeking to eliminate election day and in-person voting, and effectively moving the election to May 27.

Over a million ballots have already been mailed out, and more than 500,000 ballots have already been cast in the election. Governor Evers is attempting to change the rules in the last minutes of the election. Can you imagine the uproar if President Trump announced on Halloween that he was changing the rules of the November election? People would be rightfully up in arms! And remember, Democrats won't let the Wisconsin Elections Commission remove up to 200,000 bad addresses from the poll lists. The election should continue as under the law.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:35 PM EDT
To: jtrick@rcedc.org <jtrick@rcedc.org>
Subject: Ohio's EO

Hi Jenny –

Although they won't have the Wisconsin Emergency Order until tomorrow, apparently, Wisconsin's will be based on Ohio's...

<https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/stayathomeorder-1584906494.pdf>

It's not a ton of help. But it's something temporarily.

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From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:40 PM EDT

To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Park Closure

Van wishes that I express his outrage about closing the parks. He strongly feels this is the wrong move, and thinks the problems that occurred can be monitored and fixed.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:10 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Photo from Twitter
Attachment(s): "Image-1.png", "ATT00001.txt"

Use this graphic for parks in the newsletter.

Sent from my iPad

40 State Parks

CLOSED

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:37 PM EDT
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public Health Emergency

Hi Rick –

Is there anything in law preventing Governor Evers from extending the Public Health Emergency beyond 60 days by simply issuing a new order? That is, rather than extending the existing order, he declares a new emergency?

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:44 AM EDT
To: Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah <Sarah.WalkenhorstBarber@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hanaman, Cathlene <Cathlene.Hanaman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: 891.453 (2)(a)

Thank you all.

I know most of you are working remotely and how things can fall through the cracks. No worries

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 31, 2020, at 10:32 AM, Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Scott,

I got to work on both of these yesterday, I apologize I did not email back, I thought Cathlene had and she must have thought that I would. That's our mistake.

You should see both drafts coming through shortly, definitely before the end of the day.

Thanks,

Melinda

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From: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah <Sarah.WalkenhorstBarber@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Johns, Melinda <Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: 891.453 (2)(a)

Can you help Scott and get these underway? Thanks.

Rick

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 891.453 (2)(a)

Hi Rick-

Cathlene hasn't acknowledged my email.can you forward to the appropriate drafter?

Thank you!

Scott
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kelly, Scott" <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 3:34:45 PM CDT
To: "Hanaman, Cathlene" <Cathlene.Hanaman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 891.453 (2)(a)

Hi Cathlene –

I hope you're healthy during this time.

I'm not sure if you are the correct drafter for this, but I'm sure you can route my request if not.

Van would like 2 bills drafts amending 891.453(2a).

Draft #1 would add “,or any infectious disease for which a public health emergency is declared pursuant to s. 323.02(16).” to the end of 891.453(2)(a)

Draft #2 would add “COVID-19” or “SARS-CoV-2” or whatever the specific disease is we're in the middle of right now, to the list of diseases in 891.453(2)(a).

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:38 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another UI

Yes, he did try. The system keeps kicking him out, and says he doesn't exist.

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Another UI

Has he applied online? That has been running smoothly. The phone system was down yesterday due to volume, it's up today.

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Another UI

Clive Siefert, 2051 Marquette Street, Racine 53402
262-331-3575

Hasn't gotten through this week, last week, they said they couldn't "find him" in the system

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 5:51 PM EDT
To: Rongstad, Tami <Tami.Rongstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Kerkman, Samantha <Samantha.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7

We aren't yet, but in his newsletter coming out shortly, we say it's changing the rules at the end of the game. Imagine Trump changing the election on Halloween.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 4:44 PM, Rongstad, Tami <Tami.Rongstad@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi, Scott – how is your boss responding to the election day questions?

Thanks,

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 6:03 PM EDT
To: Kerkman, Samantha <Samantha.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Rongstad, Tami <Tami.Rongstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: April 7

Let me rephrase...we aren't responding to anything today. We have been saying we don't support moving it because a. Million ballots have been requested, 500,000 returned, invitation for fraud, no practical, etc.

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On Apr 3, 2020, at 4:55 PM, Kerkman, Samantha <Samantha.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you,

Samantha

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Rongstad, Tami <Tami.Rongstad@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kerkman, Samantha <Samantha.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:12 PM EDT
To: John Van Thiel <johnvt@execpc.com>
Subject: RE: Assembly bill 1034

Hi John –

I just tried calling and got your voicemail.

Senator Wanggaard is one of the lead authors of AB 1034, and is obviously supportive of the bill.

A suspension of the one-week waiting period is likely to be approved in the next coming weeks.

Because of the changes to unemployment under the CARES Act, the state is looking for guidance as to how best to suspend the waiting period. It is unclear if the suspension will be retroactive to the date of the Public Health Emergency declaration (March 12), The effective date of the CARES act (March 27), or the date the suspension is signed into law (unknown at this time.) That decision will be made in the coming days based on information received from the federal government. From that point forward, it's a matter of the legislature being able to meet, which should happen in the next 2 weeks or so.

As how to best "safeguard" benefits, I would encourage you to file for unemployment (assuming you are unable to work). Even if you are technically not eligible at this time, filing for unemployment benefits now "holds your places in line", and will allow the system to catch up to you when the changes are enacted.

I hope you find this information helpful, and please email back if you have any questions

Scott

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From: John Van Thiel <johnvanthiel@gmail.com> **On Behalf Of** John Van Thiel
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 5:40 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Assembly bill 1034

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

I'm inquiring as a constituent from Racine seeking some perspective. I see you are a co-sponsor of the assembly bill to eliminate the waiting period for unemployment compensation.

As a self-employed individual, I'm trying to determine what needs to be done to collect UC as provided for in the CARES act. The state unemployment website says that, according to the act, the legislature must eliminate this waiting period in order for Wisconsin to provide this benefit.

I do see the bill has been introduced. My questions are:

- What is the likely timeline for this to get approved?
- Will the UC be retroactive to the beginning of the beginning?
- Any guidance on how to proceed to safeguard benefits?

It appears that the state is waiting for guidance from the Federal level, but my fear, and many I know, is that this will not arrive for a long time. No one seems to be providing information and, understandably, everyone is swamped.

Any information is appreciated.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

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Racine, WI 53405
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:17 PM EDT
To: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Subject: RE: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status

Hi Doug-

Below is the Governor's Emergency Shelter in Place order.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

If after reading it, you have any questions about whether your business is deemed essential, please visit <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness>. They are reviewing businesses on a case by case basis.

Thanks

Scott

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From: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Sen. Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Subject: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Wanggaard,

I am writing to see your help in light the pending announcement from the Governor relative to the 'safer at home' policy implementation.

Our business at Avidity Science is a critical element of pharmaceutical / biotech research for COVID-19 (and all other diseases, illnesses, etc.) – you will see below a high level statement and website. Our customers need our support during this time more than ever and as result we feel strongly we should be deemed 'essential' – this would be supported by the documentation we have seen from other states such as Ohio.

However, we don't understand the process to achieve this status – can you please help us?

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:45 PM EDT
To: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Subject: RE: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status

Doug,

My understanding is that there is no documentation needed. You may want to provide a letter to your employees stating that they are employees in case they are stopped, but I don't believe that will be NECESSARY, either.

Scott

From: Doug Lohse <Doug.Lohse@AvidityScience.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Avidity Science - Essential Business Status

Scott,

Thank you very much for your follow up.

As expected, we clearly meet several requirements for the "Essential" business designation.

To that end, is there an official / formal process for this certification or only that the business needs to provide supporting documentation if / when questioned by authorities?

I have tried to access the WEDC link you provided, but it is not loading. I am wondering if the traffic is too great right now.

Regards
Doug

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 8:08 PM EDT
To: Knepp, Fern <Fern.Knepp@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill Draft request

I see your point, but there has to be a way around this.

My fear is sort of what you're saying, that they'll find a way to not pay the contract because of technical language in the contract. Obviously, every contract is different so it's hard to say what the "magic words" would be to protect or exclude to ensure the payment to the vendor.

Maybe requiring payment if a party to the contract is unable to provide services because of the declaration of a public health emergency? Or because schools are mandated to be closed by an Emergency Order? Or saying the governmental unit (would that include school boards?) must maintain its duties under contract in the event of a public health emergency?

From: Knepp, Fern <Fern.Knepp@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 6:18 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill Draft request

Scott-

I am not sure that requiring a school district to fulfill its contract obligations to a vendor will achieve your intent of making sure the vendor gets paid. In your example, if the contract requires a school district to pay the vendor for rides provided to pupils and the vendor does not provide rides due to school closures during the public health emergency, the school district would not have an "obligation" to pay the vendor nor would the school district be in default under the contract.

The effect of requiring school districts to comply with their contract obligations will really depend on what each individual contract requires.

Is that okay?

Fern

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Knepp, Fern <Fern.Knepp@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill Draft request

Hi Fern –

Van would like a bill drafted requiring school districts to fulfill their contract obligations to vendors during their public health emergency. (For example, despite not needing bus services, they must still pay the school bus company.)

Obviously, the turnaround is ASAP.

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 6:37 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
CC: Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com>
Subject: Re: Bill Drafts

Van has decided to go with COVID-specific bill. I have circulated among senate GOP chiefs. I encourage you to advocate and share a draft of it with a GOP Assembly rep to get support on that side.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 11:23 AM, jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com> wrote:

Just let us know what we can do to help if you need us. Thanks

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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 11:06 AM Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Yup. Still deciding. I think I'm going to circulate among Senate GOP (not sponsorship). But I'm waiting for guidance.

From: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Bill Drafts

Just wondering did you see this email yesterday? Thanks

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CC: vwanggaard@gmail.com <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Good idea Eric

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 11:09 AM, Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Potential question, regarding "1. Length of the stay-at-home order", someone could ask if there is any specific metric being used to determine when the stay-at-home order can be lifted. Do they just have to see the total number of cases going down, or do we have to reach a certain number of cases.. etc.

From: Sen.Kapenga
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier; Sen.Cowles; Sen.Craig; Sen.Darling; Sen.Feyen; Sen.Fitzgerald; Sen.Jacque; Sen.Kapenga; Sen.Kooyenga; Sen.LeMahieu; Sen.Marklein; Sen.Nass; Sen.Olsen; Sen.Petrowski; Sen.Roth; Sen.Stroebel; Sen.Testin; Sen.Tiffany; Sen.Wanggaard
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Dear Caucus members,
Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell (262) 613-5719. That way I can keep a que similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/764596799>

Meeting ID: 764 596 799

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial **1-312-626-6799** and enter code **764 596 799**

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:12 PM EDT
To: Radday, Brian <Brian.Radday@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Clearinghouse Rules

Thanks

From: Radday, Brian <Brian.Radday@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Clearinghouse Rules

Hey Scott,

I sent this to the wrong Scott. See below and attached.

-Brian

From: Radday, Brian
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Jolly, Marie <Marie.Jolly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Grosz, Scott <Scott.Grosz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Linden, Samantha <Samantha.Linden@legis.wisconsin.gov>; McMorrow, Aidan <Aidan.McMorrow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Clearinghouse Rules

Good afternoon,

I'm fairly certain I sent these around, but I wanted to be sure. Last day for action April 9.

I'm working remote during the Covid-19 situation, if you have any questions or concerns email is the best way to reach me.

-Brian

Brian Radday
Committee Clerk – Utilities and Housing
State Senator Devin LeMahieu
9th Senate District
608-266-2056

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:04 PM EDT
To: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent

Thanks. Van's brother is on the Board. I'll see what's going on.

From: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent

Hi,
Hope all is well. Had a great chat with one of your constituents. I promised I'd share his information with your office. Thanks for letting me send it to you.

Ryan Jossart
Owner of Great Lakes Tree & Clearing
262-939-6358

Ryan was referred to us due to Tom's chairmanship. I shared that Van is wonderful and he has a terrific staff too.

Ryan has a land clearing business and he also processes raw timber into firewood. He's having an issue with the Village of Caledonia and zoning.

Kind thanks.

Jen

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:19 AM EDT
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5919/1, relating to: Suspension of the waiting period for collection of unemployment insurance benefits.
[Please put Van second.](#)

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:44 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Sen. André Jacque
Rep. Treig Proschinske

DATE: March 23, 2020

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5919/1, relating to: Suspension of the waiting period for collection of unemployment insurance benefits.

DEADLINE: Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m.

This past week we have seen an unprecedented shutdown of businesses across our nation. The impact on Wisconsin workers is staggering. Nearly 63,000 Wisconsinites filed unemployment claims in the past week. According to preliminary figures by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, from Sunday through Friday a total of 62,828 claims were filed. That is 12 times the number of claims the state received during the same period in 2019.

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. This bill allows the Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period for up to 52 weeks during a declared state of emergency as is needed to address the state of emergency.

Massachusetts recently approved the same suspension on a bi-partisan basis.

To be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact Sen. Jacque's office at 6-3512 or Rep. Proschinske's office at 6-7015 by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

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For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:47 PM EDT
To: Rep.Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5945 – relating to: notification to the legislature of executive actions taken in response to a declared public health emergency.
[Please put Senator Wanggaard onto the bill](#)

From: Rep.Nygren <Rep.Nygren@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:45 PM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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SHORT DEADLINE: April 2, 2020 at 5pm.

The executive branch needs authority in emergency situations to act quickly to protect the public health and safety. This can take place while also providing transparency and clear information to the public and the Legislature.

This legislation would mirror a bipartisan resolution enacted in Hawaii. The Legislature needs to be informed of actions taken by any administration in an emergency situation. This will assist in providing information to the public and clear up confusion that can be created by actions being taken without clear explanations. The public should also have some expectation of how long actions will be in effect especially when they infringe on our freedoms and civil liberties.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this email.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires any executive branch entity to notify the legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance when the executive branch entity implements a plan or procedure or takes any action regarding a declared public health emergency or when the entity adjusts or deviates from normal operating procedures due to a declared public health emergency. The bill requires that the notification include the start and end dates of the plan, procedure, action, adjustment, or deviation.

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FYI – Last night, Genie realized that the one co-worker she has (Bill), who she's been working with this week alone, his wife, works at UW Hospital and has been treating COVID patients. Given that we've we'll have 4 days between the last possible "Contact" between me and Bill on Monday, I'm going to revisit my plan to go to work on Monday morning, Assuming I'm symptom-free still, I'll come in. Good job everyone.

The other thing to remember is to check the Sen box and your email regularly. I asked the Gov's office to do a better job of keeping us in the loop, and so far at least, they appear to be.

FINE JOB EVERYONE!

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Legislation

Van has agreed to push this in a legislative COVID package.

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From: Mahlon Mitchell <mahlonmitchell@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: COVID-19 Legislation

I agree with Jim in regards to timing. There would not be another time that we would even be thinking of this COVID-19 as a possibility. Other states are looking at adding this in there laws as well.

On Mar 25, 2020, at 12:18 PM, Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com> wrote:

I am not aware that it has ever been used. As far as the concern relative to timing, I think it shows they were trying to get ahead a future problems they could not have been contemplated when the original law was established.

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Thanks I will check for sure but I am not aware of the presumption in the Infectious Law being used. We do know that the Cancer Presumption is used about once per year. But the cancer presumption only applies to fire fighters/EMS and not cops.

Might Van be at least willing to get it drafted? That would help to have it ready for use at the appropriate time.

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On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 10:52 AM Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Van likes it, but wants to wait for now.

He also has some questions – like has this law ever been used? If so, how many times? He's worried about the timing, and looking opportunistic.

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In 2009 WI Act 284 was adopted on a voice vote in each house. The bill makes Infectious Disease a "presumption" when applying for Duty Disability (40.65). The law lists various types of infectious disease. It does not of course list COVID-19. We think the law should be amended to add COVID-19.

Act 284 applies to law enforcement, corrections, fire, and EMS.

Two questions:

1. Could you ask Leg Council to see if the current law might be broad enough to already include a new disease like COVID-19?
2. Have a bill drafted adding COVID-19 to the list?

Thanks and I will be giving you a call.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:37 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Legislation

Sure. We can draft it

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It's been hard to get a word in edge-wise, if you know what I mean...I'll try again today.

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Any word from "up the pole"? Thanks

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On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 4:17 PM Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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I will run it up the proverbial flag pole.

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I strongly think there will only be one bill, but having Jesse or Spiros, or multiple people advocate to the Speaker on the subject would be a good idea.

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That is great! I had suggested for an Assembly lead we might ask Jesse James. Does that make sense or should we get a more senior member?

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On Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 3:30 PM Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Van has agreed to push this in a legislative COVID package.

I'm not sure if we're going to do the any "infection disease for which a public health emergency" or a COVID-19 specific, but I'll let you know.

Scott

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Cc: Joe Strohl <jstrohl66@gmail.com>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Legislation

I agree with Jim in regards to timing. There would not be another time that we would even be thinking of this COVID-19 as a possibility. Other states are looking at adding this in there laws as well.

On Mar 25, 2020, at 12:18 PM, Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com> wrote:

I am not aware that it has ever been used. As far as the concern relative to timing, I think it shows they were trying to get ahead a future problems they could not have been contemplated when the original law was established.

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From: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:37 PM EDT
To: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 RESPONSE PACKAGE RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5922/1, relating to: reciprocal credentials and granting rule-making authority.
[Please put Van on](#)

From: Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:24 AM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 RESPONSE PACKAGE RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5922/1, relating to: reciprocal credentials and granting rule-making authority.

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Sen. André Jacque

DATE: March 25, 2020

COVID-19 RESPONSE PACKAGE RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5922/1, relating to: reciprocal credentials and granting rule-making authority.

SHORT DEADLINE: Thursday, March 26 at Noon

Shortages of licensed professionals in a number of critical fields have been even more acute during the COVID-19 crisis. To help fill those gaps, I will be introducing legislation to establish reciprocal licensing in Wisconsin similar to what has already been implemented successfully in Arizona, and what was recently signed into law in Wisconsin for active duty military spouses and veterans and their spouses (2019 Wisconsin Act 143). Under this bill, licensing boards will recognize out-of-state occupational licenses for people who:

- Have been licensed in their profession for at least one year
- Are in good standing in all states where they are licensed
- Do not have any past or pending investigations, complaints, or license revocations
- Establish residency in Wisconsin
- Pay applicable fees (waived for the next 12 months to deal with the current health crisis)
- Meet all testing and background check requirements per law

Individuals seeking to work in occupations that require a background check will still need to complete them, and additionally professionals receiving licenses under the new law can only become licensed in practice within areas they have been trained and certified to practice in their original state. Wisconsin licensing boards will be required to verify that an individual is in good standing in all states where they are licensed. Individual boards may have several pathways to licensure already in statute such as interstate compact, licensure by endorsement, reciprocity, etc. Ultimately, universal recognition is not meant to replace these pathways to licensure, but represents an important new pathway that expands the options available to those looking to join our workforce.

It's important to note that this law does not automatically recognize other states' occupational licenses. This means that workers licensed in other states will still need to apply for a license through the appropriate Wisconsin State licensing board. With the passage of this reform, Wisconsin's capacity to fill critical existing or impending vacancies in our workforce, particularly during the present COVID-19 emergency, will be proactively and dramatically strengthened.

To be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please reply to this email or contact Sen. Jacque's office at 6-3512 by Noon on Thursday March 26, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill establishes a process for credential holders from other states to obtain reciprocal credentials to practice their professions in Wisconsin. Under the bill, a person who applies to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, a credentialing board, or the Veterinary Examining Board, as appropriate, must be granted a reciprocal credential if the person holds a license, certification, registration, or permit granted by another state that qualifies the person to practice the profession authorized under the analogous credential granted by DSPS or the appropriate board. In order to receive the reciprocal credential, an applicant must reside in Wisconsin and satisfy certain other requirements, including that 1) the applicant has held a license, certification, registration, or permit analogous to the credential in another state for at least one year; 2) when the applicant was granted the license, certification, registration, or permit, minimum education and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements applied; 3) the applicant has not had a license, certification, registration, or permit revoked; 4) the applicant does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a regulating entity in another state or country relating to unprofessional conduct; 5) the applicant passes a criminal background check that applies to applicants for the analogous credential; and 6) the applicant passes an examination on the laws governing practice of the profession in Wisconsin, if such an examination is required for the analogous credential.

The bill generally applies to credentials granted by the Veterinary Examining Board, DSPS, and credentialing boards in DSPS, but does not apply to credentials related to transportation network companies, private colleges, boxing and martial arts, body art and tanning facilities, private detectives, and security guards.

Additionally, a person who applies for a reciprocal credential under the bill during the first year after it takes effect is not required to pay any fee

for the credential.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:33 AM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Toolkit
Attachment(s): "image001.png", "image002.jpg", "image003.jpg", "image004.jpg", "image005.jpg"
Summarize what it is...WMC-created one stop shop for information for employers, and then link to the brochure.

And we're going to do a new newsletter today. So, mock this up as a second story.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 9:12 AM, Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Funny, I was already trying to figure it out for Facebook.

You want the info, or the entire brochure or a link in the newsletter?

I already sent the newsletter we were working on yesterday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 9:07 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Can you post the first link on Facebook? And put it in the newsletter? Thanks.
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Manley <smanley@wmc.org>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 8:55:46 AM CDT
To: "scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov" <scott.kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Toolkit

As we find ourselves in a time of great economic uncertainty, many employers and employees find themselves with more questions than answers with respect to COVID-19.

To help employers and workers navigate recent state and federal policy changes related to essential businesses unemployment insurance, paid medical leave, small business loans, etc., WMC has compiled a [COVID-19 Employer Toolkit](#).

The toolkit is intended to be a one-stop location for relevant and up-to-date information about how recent policy changes impact businesses and workers alike, with links to additional informational resources. It also includes a "Frequently Asked Questions" section that addresses some of the most frequent questions we have heard with respect to small business loans and employee benefits.

You are undoubtedly receiving many inquiries from constituents about these issues, and we hope the [toolkit](#) will be a helpful resource to you as you respond. Please feel free to share it with businesses and constituents in your district, and utilize the information for your newsletters or other communications with the people back home.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if we can provide you with additional information.

Stay safe and healthy,

Scott Manley

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[Questions about COVID-19? Visit WMC's Business Resource Center at wmc.org/coronavirus](https://wmc.org/coronavirus)

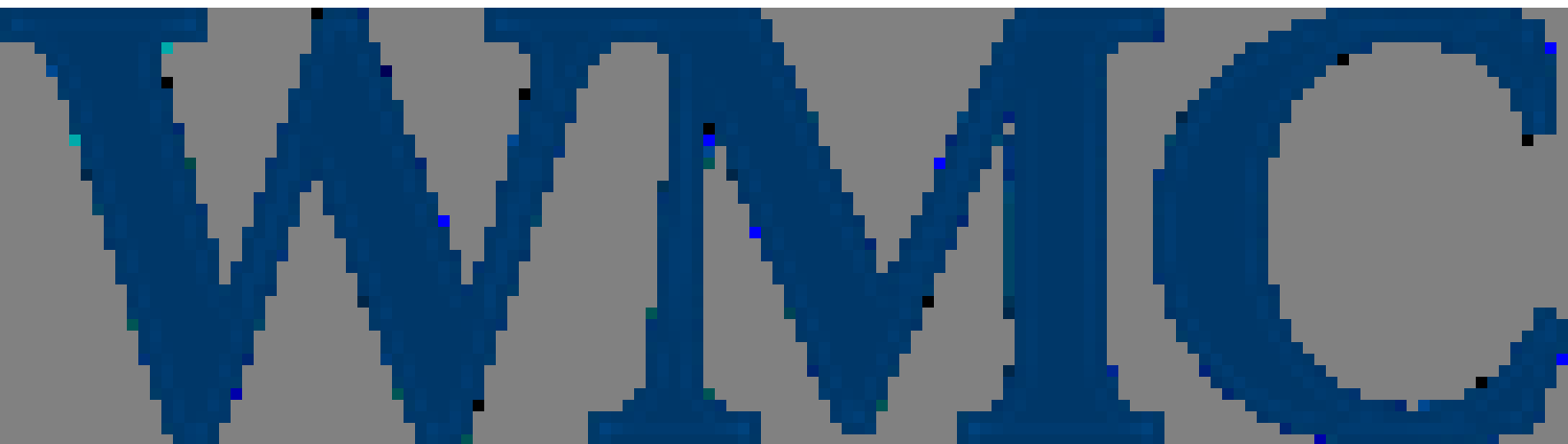
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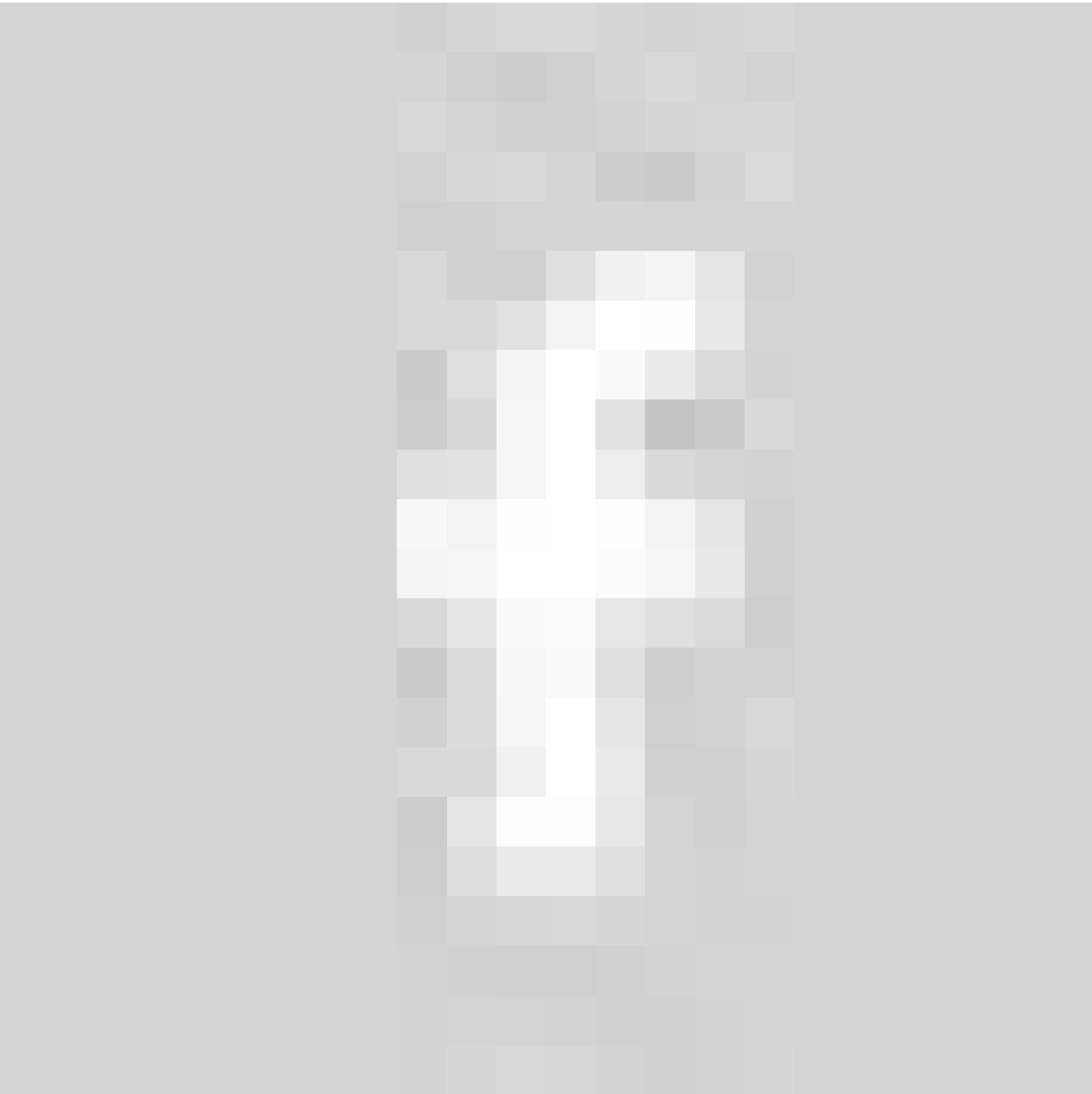
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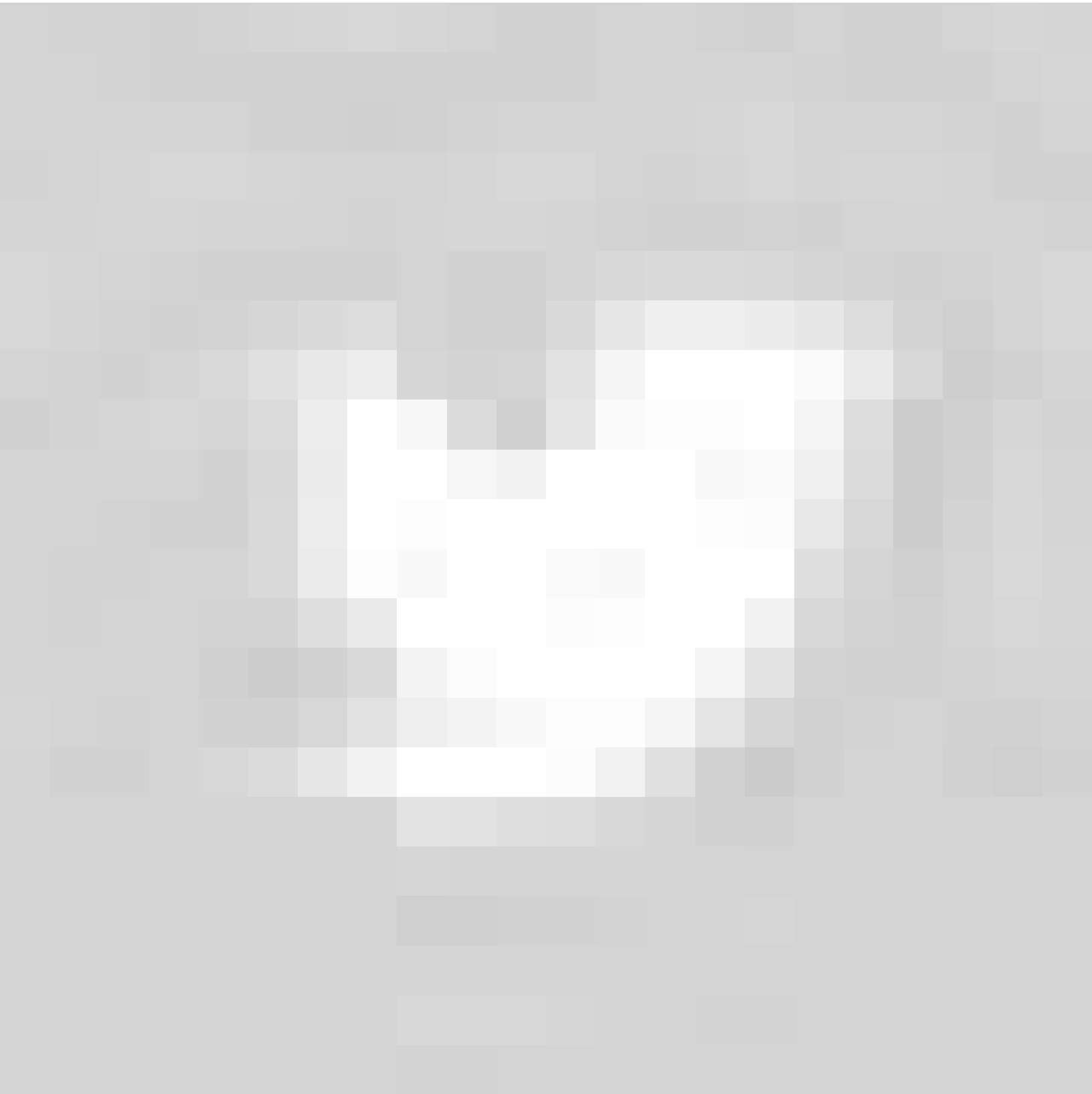
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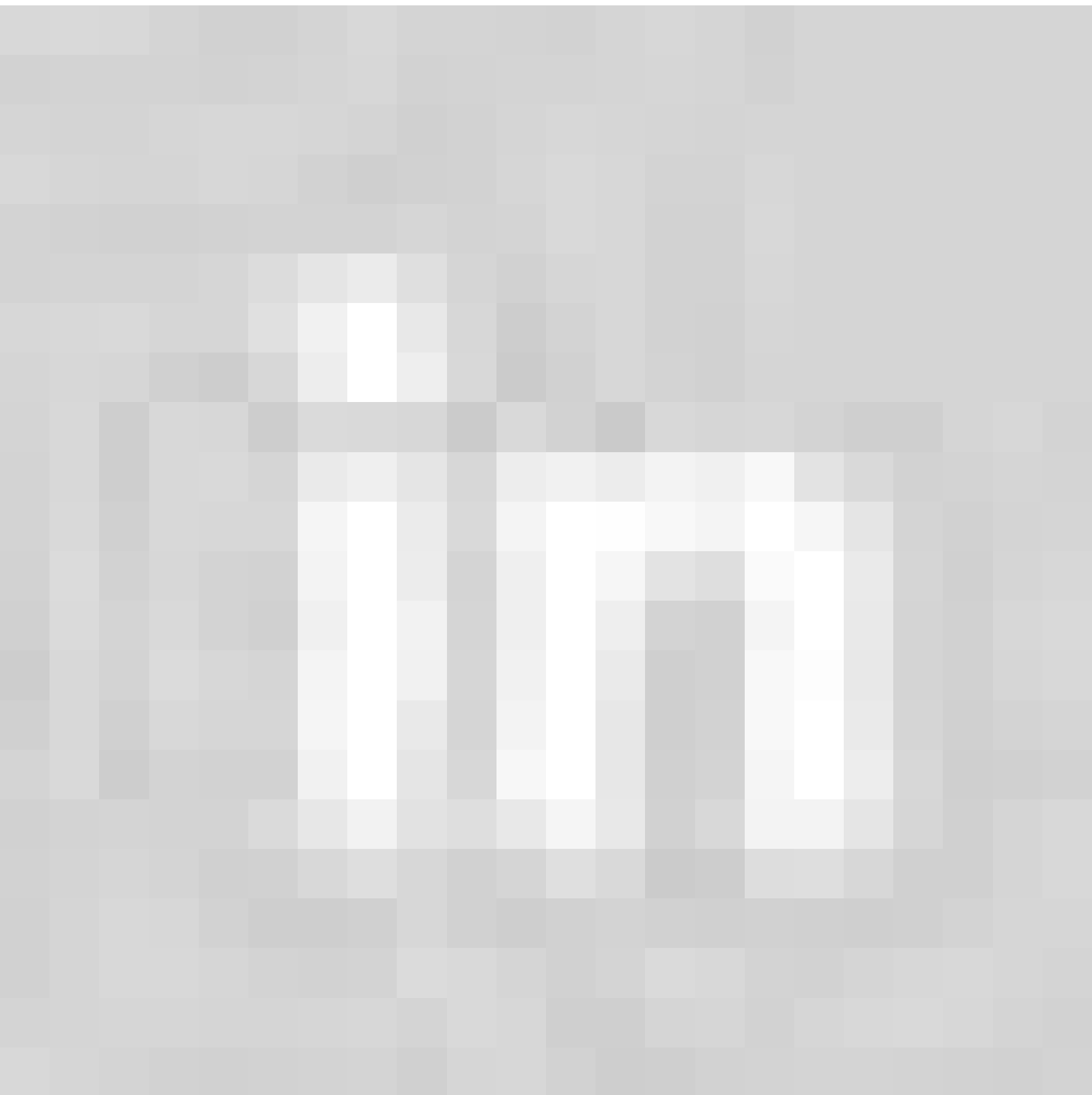
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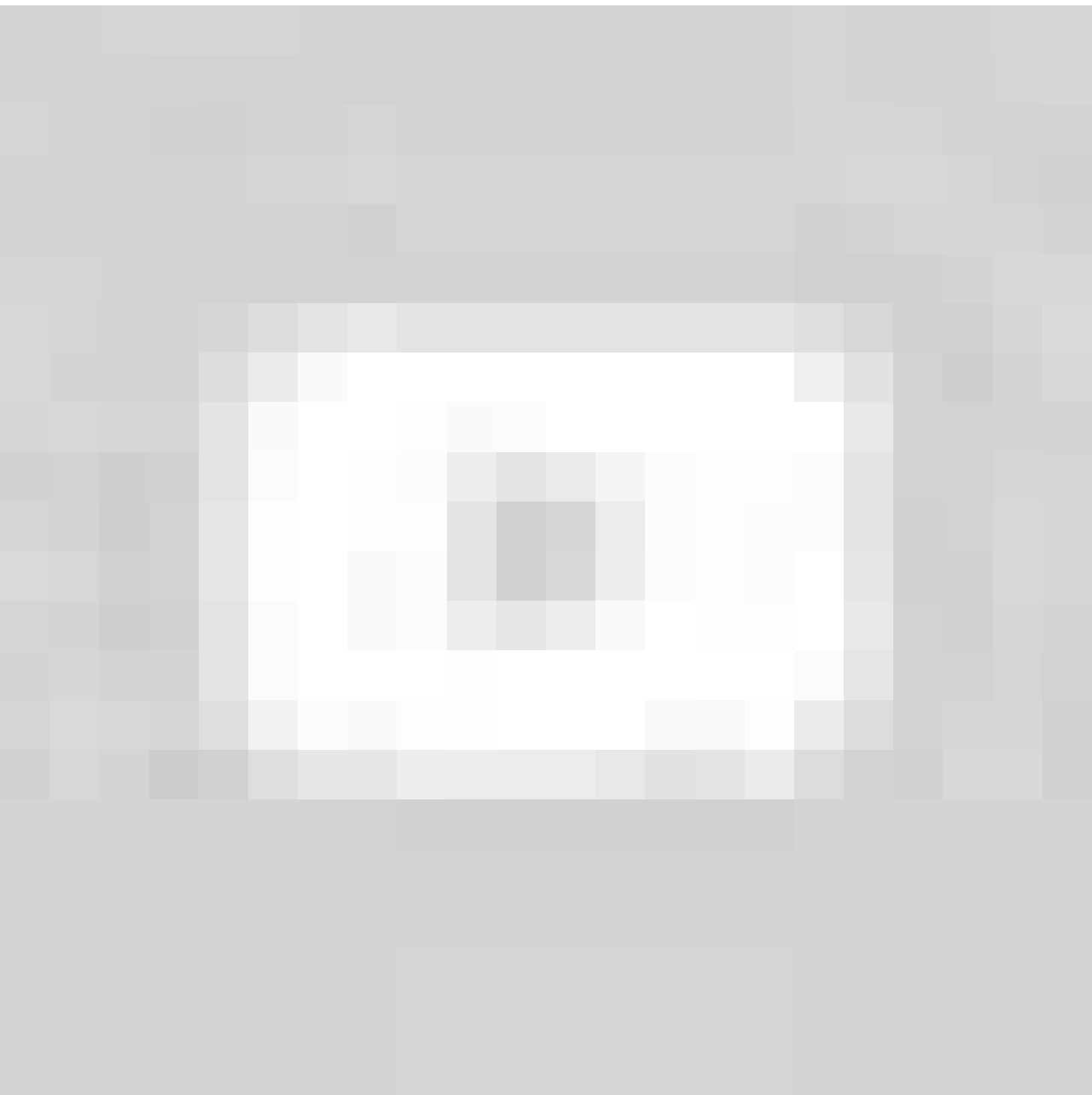
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:54 PM EDT
To: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Rick –

Have you reached out to WEDC to be declared an “essential” business? <http://wedc.org/essentialbusiness>. If you have a website or can provide additional information, and we will be happy to advocate on your behalf.

Scott
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From: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Sen. Wanggaard- thanks very much. I appreciate your taking the time to dig it up.

One item not listed but is an “essential” activity involving “essential” travel is assisting WI-based families whose spouses are serving in combat areas (Afghanistan in particular) with the WI National Guard. The burden of separation from a spouse is difficult enough but separation from the help of family for care of young children is excessive.

We do what we must while observing the warnings.

Very best,
Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:15 AM, Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Rick –

I found what appears to be the FAQ that I had intended to link to embedded on the WEDC site.

https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf

Hope this is helpful.

Van

From: Rick & Kris <ralewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Thank you! Your updates are most helpful and informative.

Respectfully
Rick

Sent from my iPhone

Thanks for pointing this out, Rick. Apparently Governor Evers took the link down (which is not encouraging). I am sending another newsletter tomorrow, and hopefully will find the newly hidden document by then.

Van

From: Rick & Kris <rlewis@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates: Small Business Assistance and UI Benefit info

Dear Senator Wanggaard,
The link to the governors "essential business" clarification isn't working. Can you take a look and reattach?

Thank you
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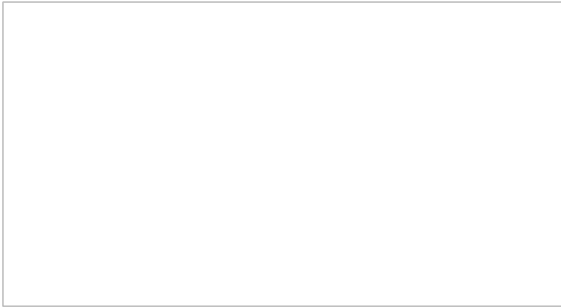
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On Apr 2, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Senator Van Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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White House COVID-19 Update



On Wednesday, I participated in a White House conference call with state and tribal leaders about the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the CARES Act. We heard from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Economic Advisor Larry Kudlow, and officials from the Treasury, Labor, and Homeland Security Departments, among others. I came away impressed at how the many different branches of government have come together to work to help the public during this difficult time.

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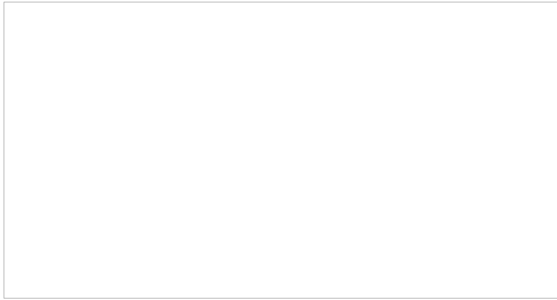
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Help for Small Businesses



Also on Wednesday, I had a briefing with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) CEO Missy Hughes about small business relief efforts. To learn about their efforts, you can click [here](#).

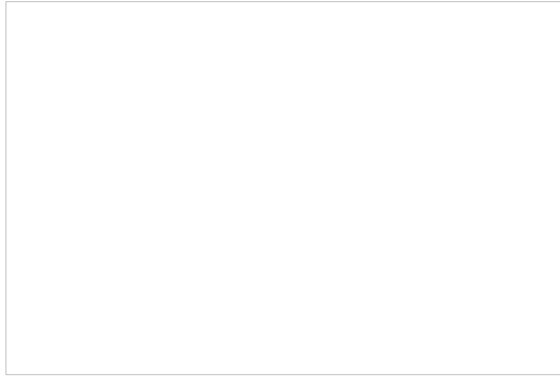
The 20/20 program which provides loans and grants up to \$20,000 for businesses with 20 employees or less can be found [here](#).

As many of you already know, WEDC is making determinations about what is considered an “essential business.” I have heard from many of you that have been confused about various aspects of the definition of essential businesses. I have contacted both WEDC and Governor Evers’ office on your behalf to keep your businesses open. The Administration has also updated and clarified there essential business order to assist with your questions. [You can read that document here](#).

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Unemployment Assistance



Like the rest of the country, Wisconsin is experiencing record levels of unemployment. I know it can be a frustrating and scary time for people. The Department of Workforce Unemployment Division is understandably overwhelmed at the time, but they are ramping up their efforts to meet demand. By the end of this week, they will have more than doubled their staff by transferring people from other divisions. They are attempting to double that number of staff again next week.

As you probably know, the Federal CARES Act contains additional unemployment benefits. Every state is waiting for guidance from the US Department of Labor about these benefits, and when Wisconsin receives that guidance, we will be able to provide those federal benefits.

Apply for unemployment benefits online at: www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/ or by calling 608-266-3131 Please note that phone lines have been very busy due to the current high volume of calls. Phones are shut down at 3:30 every day so that those that get through can get a call back that day. Other phone calls can take up to a week, but they are adding more bodies every day to increase response time.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:14 PM EDT
To: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: DHS Modeling Information

Is it possible they are using their assumptions so that they can show their effectiveness? i.e. under promise, under deliver. (Like Disney wait times. Tell them it'll be an hour, they'll be happy if its 50 minutes)

From: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hienz, Peter <Peter.Hienz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Williams, Vincent <Vincent.Williams@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: DHS Modeling Information

Fellow Chiefs –

Last week, our office requested information from DHS regarding the modeling they are using to make decisions.

I received the attached.

On first blush, we noted that they are applying an assumption that there will be a 2-7% death rate (which is very high) and that the Chinese data is accurate (which is a concern).

Sen. Marklein also asked me to share this link to an article in the Wall Street Journal. I'm trying to find my login to get a sharable full copy, but if you subscribe – you can read it. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/is-the-coronavirus-as-deadly-as-they-say-11585088464> If any of you have your login and can send around a PDF, that would be fantastic.

Hope you are all well!

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:46 PM EDT
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB -5777/P3

Long story, but not being in the Capitol I can't without a rule change. Today's the last day to introduce bills. **From:** DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft review: LRB -5777/P3

Weird timing, but are you folks still planning to introduce this? Happy to talk on the phone about it too.

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From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:41:53 PM
To: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft review: LRB -5777/P3

We're good with this language.
-A

Ann DeGarmo
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From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:23:38 AM
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft review: LRB -5777/P3

[The latest from LRB....](#)

From: LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft review: LRB -5777/P3

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -5777/P3.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:53 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Duty Disability - COVID-19 Presumption Bill

I'd throw Steineke in the mix, but sounds right

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 6, 2020, at 3:48 PM, jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com> wrote:

Scott,

This email and attachments went to: Spiros, James, Horlacher, Kerkman, Krug, Loudenberg, , Novak, Petryk, Tiltl, and Tusler. I will get to Vos and Jenny tonight, after Election Day storm is over. Any others I should get to? Steineke? August?

I will get to Dems and Evers staff once I know when an extraordinary session might take place. Sound about right?

Thanks

Joe

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From: **jstrohl66** <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:09 PM
Subject: Duty Disability - COVID-19 Presumption Bill
To: Warren Petryk <Rep.Petryk@legis.wi.gov>
Cc: Jim Palmer <palmer@wppa.com>

Hi Warren,

Hope all is well with you and family. All here in Strohl household doing okay, just waiting like everyone else for this whole thing to get over.

PFFW and WPPA have been working on legislation amending the Infectious Disease Presumption statute (40.65) to include a permanent disability caused by COVID-19. Attached is both a memo from Jim Palmer and Mahlon Mitchell and a bill draft. Sen. Wanggaard is working with his caucus to get this included in a package they are preparing for an extraordinary session. We think it would also be helpful if your leadership heard from some of their members of the importance of this proposal.

If after you have had a chance to review the memo and draft and if you think this is a good idea, please pass your support along.

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

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<COVID Presumption Bill Draft.pdf>

<COVID-19 Presumption Memo to legislators.pdf>

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:28 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Duty Disability

Were pushing, but it doesn't seem to have a lot of traction with leadership

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 8, 2020, at 11:23 AM, jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com> wrote:

Anything new to report and anything more we can be doing here? Thanks

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 9:13 AM EDT
To: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early child care letter

Good.

Have Val and Michelle proof.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 8, 2020, at 3:56 PM, Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Here's more or less a punt on early child care and educational professionals. Do you have any specifics regarding what we might be doing in the legislation to help them?

"Dear Name,

Thank you for contacting me about early child care and educational professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

I have heard similar concerns from many constituents and understand the importance of our child care and educational professions, especially during this critical time.

At this time the legislature is exploring all of the ways we can alleviate the economic burden of those impacted the most by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Evers' "safer at home" order. As I partake in these discussions, you can be sure that the well-being of our early child care and education professionals will be at the forefront of my mind.

Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard"

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:23 PM EDT
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: election changes letter.docx

[Not too snarky?](#)

From: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: election changes letter.docx

Here's my only change:

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ~~is~~ **ease** the burden on Wisconsinites

On Mar 30, 2020, at 1:03 PM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Can you guys read this and proof/edit?

Thanks

Scott

<election changes letter.docx>

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:21 PM EDT
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential businesses

Tomorrow?

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Essential businesses

I have flagged them for our team here.

Our order tomorrow will have exemptions, so watch for that. We continue to work with the public health experts as well as business and community leaders as we finalize the order. As soon as the order is issued tomorrow, I will be sending out to the legislature.

ZM

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From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential businesses
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Who can I talk to about this?

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:12 PM EDT
To: Wally Ross <wallyross@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: essential businesses during a state shutdown

Hi Wally –

Here is the Governor's Emergency Shelter in Place order.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

If after reading it, you still have questions to can go to

<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness> and they will be reviewing businesses on a case by case basis.

Hope this helps!

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From: Wally Ross <wallyross@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: essential businesses during a state shutdown

Dear Sen. Wanggaard,

My family lives in Caledonia. We own a small pest control business. I've read that pest control businesses in Ohio are considered essential and haven't been shut down even though their state is. The reason being is that we control the vectors that spread diseases that are worse than covid-19.

So now that the governor is closing the state starting tomorrow, I need to know if I have to shut down or not.

Can you shed some light?

Thank you,
Wally Ross
Owner
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:37 AM EDT
To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Essential businesses

Thank you, Lisa. It was not responded to, but I did use the guidance you suggested.

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 8:16 AM, Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Scott,

My apologies as I'm not certain this was responded to -

Beyond what was named in [EO 12](#), WEDC has additional guidance here: <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>

Thanks,
Lisa

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:14 PM EDT
To: Robert Felle <rfelle@rightcpa.com>
Subject: RE: Essential Business

Hi Robert-

Here is the Emergency "Shelter in Place" order from the Governor.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

It appears that Section 13 (u) specifically authorizes accounting services to continue.

If you have any questions, you can go to <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness>

Thanks

Scott

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From: Robert Felle <rfelle@rightcpa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Sen. Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Essential Business

Senator Wanggaard,

I am writing to you to see if you could help to make sure accounting and tax services are listed as essential services, when the stay at home order goes into effect.

I believe that these services are essential to help individuals, who might have been laid off, receive their final paychecks. With out the ability to process payrolls, for our business clients, their employees, who might be laid off or working reduced amounts, will not receive their much needed paycheck.

In addition, we have been working feverishly to complete as many of the individual tax returns as we can. The reason for this is because those individual who have refunds coming back to them, could definitely use the refunds, if they currently find themselves out of work. We have encourage our clients to send paperwork to us electronically and we have subsequently encouraged the electronic delivery of the tax returns. This limits our face to face contact.

I have been proactive in limiting face to face time with all my clients. We locked our office door, over a week ago, and I have been encouraging all my employees to limit their exposure to all other people.

In closing, please do what you can to make sure Accounting firms are included as an essential service for closure purposes.

Thanks and have a great day!!

Robert Felle



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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:12 PM EDT
To: Joe Murray <JOEM@wra.org>
Subject: RE: Evictions/Rent

Thanks Joe. Please keep me posted.

From: Joe Murray <JOEM@wra.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Evictions/Rent

Hi Scott,

The WRA and all landlord groups are working to come up with a smart, realistic response to the Order. The issue you mention is exactly right. We were asked to provide ideas on how to help the real estate industry as the leadership puts together a bill and we did that. Boiled down, landlords hope that funding provided to those who need it for "housing" can be provided to landlords directly through vouchers instead of cash to tenants, who may not use it to pay rent. Emergency Assistance works this way, I'm told, so it could be a model for the legislature as they work through the process of drafting a bill. The other idea I've heard several times is from the banking and mortgage side. If a landlord gets behind on mortgage payments because of non payment of rent during the eviction and foreclosure moratorium, lending institutions should work with landlords to place any late payments on the "back end" of the loan. That way landlords don't have to come up with thousands of dollars they don't have and they can resume paying the mortgage without penalty once we all get through this shutdown Order and eviction moratorium.

We are all working quickly to come up with specific ideas and do not look forward to the fallout. I'll keep you posted as we work through this and thanks for asking Scott.

Joe

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 12:40 PM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Joe –

As I'm sure you're aware, The Governor has stopped all evictions for 60 days effective March 27.

Predictably, this is resulting in tenants saying they aren't going to pay rent to landlords because they can't be evicted.

Any suggestions beyond threatening a 5 day notice once the 60 days expires?

Thanks

Scott

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The WRA is open, available and ready to assist with your real estate business needs Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time. While the WRA is currently conducting its operations from remote locations, you can continue to lean on us for the world-class services and support you need, including the WRA Legal Hotline at wra.org/LegalHotline, our education department at educate@wra.org and the WRA Tech Helpline at wra.org/TechHelpline.

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 4:42 PM EDT
To: Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: fyi

Thanks, I suppose DNR can close ITS ranges, just like any business can, but they certainly shouldn't be forced too.

Forwarded to the AG's office.

From: Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: fyi

Your boss mention he had a conversation with AG Kaul regarding ranges. He might want to contact DNR too. They closed all of theirs.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorskills/shootingranges/rangelocations.html>

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:54 PM EDT
To: Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Goddard School Assistance Request

Yes.

From: Butzlaff, Nathan <Nathan.Butzlaff@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Goddard School Assistance Request

Hello Sen. Wanggaard Office,

Have you heard back from OCI (or anyone else) on this request? I have emailed and left a voice mail for Olivia Hwang, the Legislative Liaison at OCI but I have not heard back.

Thanks.

Nathan Butzlaff

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From: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Frings, Roger - OCI <Roger.Frings@wisconsin.gov>
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Hello DHS & OCI folks-

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Anything we can do to help them? Sarah suggested that DHS telling child care facilities should assume they have a case (even if not documented at this time) because of how it is spreading, would allow them to qualify for business interruption insurance. I don't know that that is true, but maybe.

Any help is appreciated.

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From: Pleasant Prairie, WI - The Goddard School® <PleasantPrairieWI@goddardschools.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Goddard School Assistance Request

Dear Senator Wanggaard and Representative Kerkman:

I own and operate My Sunshine LLC DBA The Goddard School in Pleasant Prairie serving 132 of children aged 6 weeks through 6 years of age and employing 30 teachers and care providers (or I had before this crisis started). I am one of multiple Goddard School
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franchises that provide care for children and employ teachers and caregivers throughout the State.

I am hereby respectfully requesting, on behalf of myself, all 3 Goddard School franchisees in Wisconsin, our franchisor, Goddard Systems Inc., and all similarly situated small business preschool owners in Wisconsin, the proactive assistance of the State and its Department of Insurance to permit us to **receive business interruption benefits without requiring a confirmed case of COVID-19 on our premises or waiting for a government mandated closure order.**

By way of background, we have comprehensive insurance coverage, as we are required to do, that includes business interruption coverage for communicable diseases, such as COVID-19. We have learned that our insurance company and the other insurance companies insuring Goddard Schools will not pay claims for business interruption unless there is BOTH a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our center AND the center is closed down by a local or state government agency. We are asking for your help in securing business interruption insurance coverage because we strongly believe that the position of the insurance companies is against public policy and would have a significant "downstream" impact on childcare, small businesses and their employees, and families in the State.

The position of the insurance companies is both unreasonable under the current circumstances and deeply contrary to public health policy. First, it is nearly impossible to secure a test for COVID-19 because there are simply not enough test kits available and those that are available are being prioritized for older Americans and those with chronic medical conditions. Second, the insurance company is incentivizing childcare centers to stay open because otherwise they will have no revenue to pay employees, rent or other fixed costs. If we are not able to pay teachers when centers must close in the interest of public health, those teachers may not be available to care for the children of the thousands of families who will return to work when this healthcare crisis subsides. This reality is particularly grim for the State given the severe shortage of qualified teachers in the state PRIOR to this pandemic.

Simply put, this is an incredibly daunting prospective outcome that can be avoided WHILE AT THE SAME TIME addressing public health needs. Without being able to recover business interruption insurance, particularly if the COVID-19 crisis continues for any period of time or the government orders a shutdown, childcare centers could be put out of business. We and every other small business childcare provider face financial devastation.

Please help us confirm that, at times like these, your offices will help in obtaining the relief we all desperately need. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Hall
On-Site Owner

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Sorta. DCF clarified their order, which allowed the Goddard School to stay open. It didn't really address the business interruption insurance issue, but I'm getting the impression that may be a much bigger issue.

I talked to Sarah at the Goddard School yesterday. DCF had reached out directly to her, and she was pleased with our efforts on her behalf.

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Subject: Goddard School Assistance Request

WI-SEN-20-0894-A-000492

Dear Senator Wanggaard and Representative Kerkman:

I own and operate My Sunshine LLC DBA The Goddard School in Pleasant Prairie serving 132 of children aged 6 weeks through 6 years of age and employing 30 teachers and care providers (or I had before this crisis started). I am one of multiple Goddard School franchises that provide care for children and employ teachers and caregivers throughout the State.

I am hereby respectfully requesting, on behalf of myself, all 3 Goddard School franchisees in Wisconsin, our franchisor, Goddard Systems Inc., and all similarly situated small business preschool owners in Wisconsin, the proactive assistance of the State and its Department of Insurance to permit us to **receive business interruption benefits without requiring a confirmed case of COVID-19 on our premises or waiting for a government mandated closure order.**

By way of background, we have comprehensive insurance coverage, as we are required to do, that includes business interruption coverage for communicable diseases, such as COVID-19. We have learned that our insurance company and the other insurance companies insuring Goddard Schools will not pay claims for business interruption unless there is BOTH a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our center AND the center is closed down by a local or state government agency. We are asking for your help in securing business interruption insurance coverage because we strongly believe that the position of the insurance companies is against public policy and would have a significant "downstream" impact on childcare, small businesses and their employees, and families in the State.

The position of the insurance companies is both unreasonable under the current circumstances and deeply contrary to public health policy. First, it is nearly impossible to secure a test for COVID-19 because there are simply not enough test kits available and those that are available are being prioritized for older Americans and those with chronic medical conditions. Second, the insurance company is incentivizing childcare centers to stay open because otherwise they will have no revenue to pay employees, rent or other fixed costs. If we are not able to pay teachers when centers must close in the interest of public health, those teachers may not be available to care for the children of the thousands of families who will return to work when this healthcare crisis subsides. This reality is particularly grim for the State given the severe shortage of qualified teachers in the state PRIOR to this pandemic.

Simply put, this is an incredibly daunting prospective outcome that can be avoided WHILE AT THE SAME TIME addressing public health needs. Without being able to recover business interruption insurance, particularly if the COVID-19 crisis continues for any period of time or the government orders a shutdown, childcare centers could be put out of business. We and every other small business childcare provider face financial devastation.

Please help us confirm that, at times like these, your offices will help in obtaining the relief we all desperately need. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Hall
On-Site Owner

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:41 AM EDT
To: Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Humble Request

You too. I was in your/Kara's position during 9/11, so I have an idea what you're going through. Drinking through multiple fire hoses, like I'm sure you are right now, it's easy to forget to share the info with legislature. It's just human nature.

I also appreciate the calls/briefings. They have been very helpful.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 19, 2020, at 5:44 PM, Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thanks Scott – Zach just sent out all of the emergency orders to date, and things should be better moving forward! I hope you and your family are doing well!
-Steph

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Humble Request

Hi Zach and Stephanie –

I know you're busy and doing the best you can. But I do have a request. When the Governor/DHS puts out Emergency/Executive Orders, can you PLEASE copy the legislature on it?

Yesterday, we were getting calls and emails about the new childcare order and we had never received any notification about it. I'm not going to lie, I was on the DHS briefing, so I would not have seen it anyway, but I would have been able to find it when taking the calls and emails. It had been out for 2 hours (?) before I had a chance to see it.

I found the EO on Wheeler, so it wasn't the end of the world, but it makes us both look bad. The Gov not communicating with us, and us not knowing what's going on.

I know you're doing your best, so please don't take this as a complaint – it's not. It's simply a request to try to do a better job of sharing what's going on, and to do it as soon as possible after you release the decision.

Thanks

Scott

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Senator Van Wanggaard
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:43 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Inbox cleaned up

Thanks Michelle!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 22, 2020, at 5:41 PM, Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I cleaned out the inbox so it is easier to identify the time sensitive covid-19 emails vs others. I've filed all of the "info" such as emergency orders under the corona virus tag. I left the pending corona emails on top, eliminated the duplicates and filed the regular constituent emails (form letters and convention of states) under "intern" to be done at another time.

Hopefully, this will make responses a bit easier. I miss everyone!

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:18 PM EDT
To: Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus
[Put Van on the letter](#)

From: Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus

Chiefs,

My boss asked that we send this draft letter around to your bosses before today's call. Thank you and sorry for getting it to you right before. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kyle

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:43 PM EDT
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Link

Thank you.

Curious did you move the ASL window at the request of the media? I noticed tv stations had to move their watermark to not cover her up.

Scott

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB7YZJ50RVo>

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<http://wicount.wi.gov>

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Link

Hi Zach –

Can't find the link to the briefing. Can you resend?

Scott

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Senator Van Wanggaard
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:44 AM EDT
To: Ramie Zelenkova <rzelenkova@hwz-gov.com>
CC: Greg Hubbard <ghubbard@hwz-gov.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Happy to meet with you, but you should know in advance that Van and I both are very much against ranked choice.

From: Ramie Zelenkova <rzelenkova@hwz-gov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Greg Hubbard <ghubbard@hwz-gov.com>
Subject: Meeting Request

Hi Scott -

I hope this email finds you well and not going stir crazy.

Greg and I are working on a project for Democracy Found, specifically open primaries and ranked choice voting for federal elections. More details about the organization below. The advisory council is a good group of individuals, you'll recognize many names.

We are looking for legislators and staff willing to participate in a virtual meeting in the next few weeks. We'd probably need an hour.

In addition to myself, the meeting would include Sara Eskrich, the Executive Director of the organization, and possibly a member or two from our advisory council.

<https://democracyfound.org>

Is this something you and possibly your boss would be interested in?

Ramie

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:03 AM EDT
To: Dave Seager <seager6@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Hey Dave - Good to hear from you.

This is the Federal bill. I didn't read it, but based on my understanding, I think your reading is correct. I would try reaching out to Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin. I know Johnson already knows about this issue, because it's why he voted no. And Tammy should know she's closing day cares.

Hope all is well, and you are healthy.

Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Seager <seager6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Good morning brother

Long time no hear. I hope all is well.

Looking for some legal, as well as, legislative guidance.

I am intimately involved with my church and serve as the President of the congregation. Under the umbrella of the church, we also provide day care. According to page seven of this act, we are to provide up to 28 days of paid sick leave.

The day care is in service to provide A service for our members and their children. No kids, no revenue. No work, no pay. Makes sense. We did close everything by orders of the Governor. However, if I read this, the Governor is requiring 28 days of pay for no work on top of no revenue.

We operate this day care at a cost neutral mindset. This will NOT work as there are no resources available to provide 28 days of paid sick leave for over 50 employees. That equation will result in closure.

Can you opine? Thank you brother.

Dave Seager

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Families%20First%20summary.pdf>

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:18 AM EDT
To: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request

Send me the mass emails you have

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any finger slips, typos, misspelling and autocorrects. Thank you.

On Apr 9, 2020, at 9:54 AM, Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

The only thing I have from WILL are mass emails and emails from wispolitics.com.

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 8:05 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Open Records Request

If you haven't deleted any emails from WILL lately, we have an open records request for things you did NOT delete from the beginning of the year until now.

Please send me anything you have ASAP so I can go back to deleting WILL's emails.

From: David Armiak <darmiak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Open Records Request

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's open records law, I request access to and a copy of all records that pertain to the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty (WILL), including the following WILL employees:

- Rick Esenberg
- CJ Szafir
- Luke Berg
- Will Flanders
- Anthony LoCoco
- Don Daugherty
- Brian McGrath
- Mike Fischer

The scope of this request includes the Senator and his staff. The scope of this request should include but is not limited to emails, attachments, both sent and received, all draft records, briefing books, memos, notes, minutes, scheduling records, text messages, other correspondence (internal and external) and all other records.

The search for records may be limited to those sent and received between January 1, 2020 and the date of your final response.

Please note that this request includes all emails sent and received on official state email accounts, as well as any other private email accounts or applications, such as Dropbox, GoogleDocs, ALEC Connect, or the Briefing Room, that have been used for official business. This request also includes any and all records available through a web hyperlink. Note: once viewed online, downloaded, printed, or otherwise in your possession, these materials become a public document subject to state public records law.

I request that these records be provided in electronic form in their native format. The Center for Media & Democracy is a non-profit public-interest organization, and the disclosure of the materials requested here would be in the public interest, greatly benefiting public understanding of the workings of government. As such a waiver of any fees is requested. If the waiver is not granted, we agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20.

If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify us. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

If you choose to deny this request in whole or part, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s). As allowed by Wisconsin law, please provide all portions of releasable material, even if there is redacted material on the page or record.

Lastly, please acknowledge receipt of this message.

All the best,

David Armiak
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:44 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Photo from Twitter

Working on it

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any finger slips, typos, misspelling and autocorrects. Thank you.

> On Apr 9, 2020, at 11:14 AM, Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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> I put on Facebook already. Do you want anything else in the newsletter?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 9, 2020, at 11:10 AM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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>> Use this graphic for parks in the newsletter.

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>> <Image-1.png>

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>> Sent from my iPad

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:47 PM EDT
To: Adam Rogan <Adam.Rogan@journaltimes.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7 election?

Thanks Adam –

Van and I have been having trouble connecting today because of the phone calls we've been getting. Also, he is in meetings/briefings (calls/videoconferencing) pretty much all afternoon. (DHS at 1:30, Senate GOP at 2:30, Congressman Steil at 3:15) But I will try to have him call, but it may not be until closer to 5.

From: Adam Rogan <Adam.Rogan@journaltimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone April 7 election?

Quick question for Sen. Wanggaard: What are his thoughts on postponing the April 7 election?

Thanks,
Adam

Adam Rogan
Drake University '17
Journal Times reporter
adam.rogan@journaltimes.com
262-994-8841

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:25 PM EDT
To: Adam Rogan <Adam.Rogan@journaltimes.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7 election?

I was able to connect with him, and he will give you a call later today. What's the best # to get you at?

I know you'll want more, but he does NOT want to change the election.

From: Adam Rogan <Adam.Rogan@journaltimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7 election?

Noted, thanks.

As an fyi, I'll be in the media call with Speaker Vos and Sen. Fitzgerald today, which is prompting me reaching out to the rest of Racine's legislators for their opinions on the election — since I'm sure it'll come up during the call.

Adam

From: Kelly, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Adam Rogan <Adam.Rogan@journaltimes.com>
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7 election?

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:14 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: PTSD

Yes, when this is all over. Probably June?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 9, 2020, at 11:11 AM, jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com> wrote:

With all the talk of the Extraordinary Session on the COVID-19 Crisis I assume the Senate still plans to meet on the rest of their regular session calendar?
Thanks

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:33 PM EDT
To: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: PTSD

Nothing new. Still pushing.

From: jstrohl66 <jstrohl66@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: PTSD

Thanks

Anything new on Duty Disability?

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:09 PM EDT
To: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick Question

I literally have 2-4 inches of talking points.

On the proof of guilt, absolutely not. It's still beyond a reasonable doubt.

Defense attorneys claim that they won't be able to get a fair trial. Not true for several reasons. The basis for the claim is (generally) the right of a victim to refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery requests. Two rebuttal points on that.

Most importantly, if there are competing rights, (that is, the defendant needs the interview/discovery for a competent defense vs the victim's right to deny), the court must weigh those competing rights, and the "tie" goes to the defendant. The amendment conations language that Marsy's Law cannot supersede a defendant's constitutional rights.

Secondly, those largely rights exist now, with the exception of discovery requests. Defendants don't interview or depose victims now. That just doesn't happen. On discovery requests, those requests are frequently used to intimidate and harass victims, so it was added for protection, but if its needed for a defense, the tie goes to the defendant.

I can give you LOTS more, so let me know if you need it.

Scott

From: Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Quick Question

Hope all is well.

Was hoping you might have some TP's on Marsy's Law. We got one specific question that I was hoping you might have some text for. Constituent wrote in asking his opinion (he voted for it twice).

Question....does it shape or form conflict with the 6th Amendment of the Constitution by weakening the rights of the accused to defend themselves or ease the burden of the state to show indisputable proof of guilt?

Kind thanks in advance!

Jen

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:14 PM EDT
To: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Random

In my view, it's agriculture, and better to ask forgiveness than permission, and they need to protect inventory

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 24, 2020, at 8:04 PM, Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Unless it's the only garden center in the state with no tomato/cucumber/zucchini/etc. seedlings I'd have figured they could operate?

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:56 PM
To: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:24 PM EDT
To: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Random

I don't know if Van told him this, but Van and I were saying that somebody has to supply the seeds for the preppers.

From: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Random

People have time and motivation to grow their own food. Ditch some flower trays and ramp up.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 12:05 PM EDT
To: Schwarz, Anna <Anna.Schwarz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Re: Senate Session

Whenever this is all over. We want to do the end of session in person.

From: Schwarz, Anna <Anna.Schwarz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Session

Greetings Scott,

I hope you and your family are doing well! Wanted to reach out to get a sense of what the Senate may be thinking on rescheduling the March floor date to address other legislation?

Any thoughts you can provide would be appreciated. I was going to just call you but realized e-mail was probably easier!

-Anna

Anna C. Schwarz
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Regulatory Licensing Reform Committee Clerk
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33rd Assembly District
608-266-5715*

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:36 PM EDT
To: Jim Henke <jhenke4737@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Hi Rob –

Like I said, we can't fast track it, because it just "officially" got moving. But please go to this website <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/small-business-2020/>
For the most updated information. It should help walk you through the process.

Please reach out again if you have any questions or need additional help.

Thanks

Scott
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Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
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From: Jim Henke <jhenke4737@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; rpederson2 <rpederson2@wi.rr.com>
Subject: Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Van, I am reaching out to you and your staff to provide me some assistance to fast track my SBA application for Ferraro's Pizza.

I am working directly with Community State Bank as well, but we need to fast track this application.

I believe my business fits having less then 20 full time/part time employees and less then \$2 million in revenue - allowing a maximum of \$20,000 as a grant (forgivable).

Please call me at 262-939-0623 so we can discuss.

I am trying to get the business open and operating during these times.

Thank you.

Rob Pederson - Ferraro's Pizza

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:18 AM EDT
To: John Schulze <jschulze@abcwi.org>
Subject: Re: rumor patrol
Attachment(s): "image001.png"

Not yet

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any finger slips, typos, misspelling and autocorrects. Thank you.

On Mar 31, 2020, at 8:19 AM, John Schulze <jschulze@abcwi.org> wrote:

Have you heard anything about Evers convening a 3pm press conference today where he's going to ratchet down on the definition of essential services?

<image001.png>

John Schulze

Director of Legal and Government Affairs
Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin
5330 Wall St.
Madison, WI, 53718
O (608) 244-5883 | C (608) 622-6104
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Subject: RE: School bussing contract issues
Attachment(s): "19-6091_P2.pdf"

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Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: School bussing contract issues

I just tried 262-522-0631 and it says it was disconnected.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring school boards to make payments to vendors during
2 the public health emergency.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

While schools are closed by the Department of Health Services during the 2019-20 school year, this bill requires a school board to pay a vendor that had a contract with the school board on March 18, 2020, regardless of whether the vendor provides the goods or services required under the contract. This requirement applies only if the school board does not need or want the goods or services because schools are closed or the vendor is unable to provide the goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared by the governor on March 12, 2020. Under the bill, a vendor is any person who provides goods or services to the school board under a contract, including any individual who provides services to a school board under an employment contract.

For further information see the **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) VENDOR CONTRACTS; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

1 (a) In this subsection:

2 1. "Public health emergency" means the period during the 2019-20 school year
3 when schools are closed by the department of health services under s. 252.02 (3).

4 2. "Vendor" means a person providing goods or services to a school board under
5 chs. 115 to 121. "Vendor" includes a person providing services under an employment
6 contract with a school board.

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16 (END)

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Hi Rebecca – I looked at the NY language, and had talked to Leg Council about this bus issue.

Legislative Council said (and I completely agree) that school districts not paying their bus contracts is going to largely be a contractual language issue. That is, what does the contract say? There is no real “statewide” issue that addresses this (We don’t have 1 single bus contract for 424 districts). Without drilling into all 424 contracts, the it’s difficult to craft specific legislation. Hence, the bill language I sent. The PA language below may help with the gas payment issue though.

The “gift” concern isn’t really a concern in WI either. I’m not aware of it being a constitutional ban in WI, and I know districts give “gifts” now.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:52 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. phone number?

Yes

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Sen. phone number?

I'm assuming this has been taken care of?

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
21st Senate District
608.266.1832

From: Still, Kathy - DVA <kathy.still@dva.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen. Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Sen. phone number?

Hi, Scott.

Hope you're well. Secretary Kolar would like to call Senator Wanggaard. What is a good number she can reach him at?

Thanks.
Kathy

Kathy Still | Assistant Deputy Secretary | Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:43 AM EDT
To: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses
[Please sign Van Wanggaard onto the letter](#)

From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Legislative Members,

The Governor has recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Governor has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Attached is a letter addressed to Governor Evers and cc'd to Legislative leadership requesting that golf courses be allowed to remain open under specific safety and social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Rep. Hutton's office by 12:00pm (noon) tomorrow, March 27th if you would like to sign on.

Andrea Brooks
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Rob Hutton
220N – State Capitol

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:19 PM EDT
To: Greg Mierow <gregm@image360franklinwi.com>
Subject: RE: Sign Industry

Hi Greg –

Below, I have linked the Governor's "Shelter in Place" order.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/24/file_attachments/1409408/Health%20Order%20%2312%20Safer%20At%20Home.pdf

If you still have questions after reading the order, please go to <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness>. They will be reviewing things on a case-by-case basis.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

From: Greg Mierow <gregm@image360franklinwi.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Sign Industry

Senator Van H. Wanggaard,

As the state of Wisconsin considers any emergency orders for all "non-life-sustaining businesses" in the "State of Wisconsin" to close their physical locations. We are requesting that the sign, graphics and visual communications industry receive a special exemption from the state of Wisconsin under this provision:

"In extenuating circumstances, special exemptions will be granted to businesses that are supplying or servicing health care providers."

Many sign and graphics companies are providing signage to "life-sustaining businesses," including health care facilities, restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies, automotive parts, Transportation etc. The importance of signage that provides directions, information, warnings, and other visual communications is more urgent than ever, and sign and graphics companies need to stay open to meet this critical and ever-expanding need."

The International Sign Association has backed this position by asking and receiving such approval from the State of Pennsylvania. Please consider the importance of this request so business that remain open can continue to address their customers using the best methods possible.

Thank you,

Greg Mierow
Image360 Franklin WI
5002 W. Ashland Way | Rear | Franklin, WI 53132
Phone: (414) 367-2478



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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:43 PM EDT
To: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: State Parks/right to assemble

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Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any finger slips, typos, misspelling and autocorrects. Thank you.

On Apr 9, 2020, at 2:33 PM, Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I agree. Let's pursue this. Still out probably closer to 3

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2020, at 2:07 PM, Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Seems like a good one to call.

From: melissa manley <manleyfamily06@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: State Parks/right to assemble

Hello,

I am extremely concerned with our separation of church and state language in the constitution. We at a single moment in WI, have given our right to assemble away. The government has told us church services are non essential and liquor stores are. We have the right to meet and we need to defend that right. Most of us will adhere to the warnings and not attend a service anyway but that should be our decision the decision of the people. The government must not and cannot continue to tell free Americans that they do have the right to assemble

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

I am extremely concerned that the governor is prohibiting our rights. Even not allowing us to assemble in the parking lots, at safe distances.

Why is he closing all the parks? We need an outlet to walk/run and enjoy nature during these times.

Thank you, Melissa Manley

5510 Willowview Rd Racine WI 53402

847-502-3637

On Apr 9, 2020, at 1:33 PM, Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Senator Van Wanggaard (21st Senate District). We appreciate hearing from you.

If you did not remember to include your full name, address and telephone number, [please resend your email and include this information.](#)

While this email account is monitored, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, responses may be delayed. If this is urgent, or [if you need an immediate response, please call the office at 608-266-1832](#) and someone will try to assist you.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of State Senator Van Wanggaard. WI-SEN-20-0894-A-000526

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:30 PM EDT
To: 1967scarlett@gmail.com <1967scarlett@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Stimulus Act

Hi Laura -

Thank you for your question.

Unfortunately, I am finding conflicting information online about this, and am unable to give you an accurate answer.

I would suggest emailing your federal representatives with this question, as they will be in a better position to know the correct information.

They can be reached at:

Senator Ron Johnson : (202) 224-5323; <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator>

Senator Tammy Baldwin: (202) 224-5653; <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/help/help-with-a-federal-agency/taxes>

Representative Bryan Steil: Phone: (202) 225-3031; <https://steil.house.gov/contact/email-me>

I hope you find this information helpful.

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To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stimulus Act

Dear Senator Wanggaard,

Could you please clarify for me that the upcoming stimulus check that Americans are receiving is actually an advancement of our 2020 tax returns that we will file in 2021? I pray this isn't the case, as a family that works in road construction and suffer uncertain lay-off lengths each year, we often come to rely on our tax return to make it through. If this is the case, we will need to put this check into savings rather than using it for its intended purpose of stimulating our economy.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I look forward to hearing from your office.

Laura Hoffmann
Union Grove, WI

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:32 PM EDT
To: mcharry@wi.rr.com <mcharry@wi.rr.com>
Subject: RE: Surgical masks for medical staff

Hi Carol –

Can you please provide a phone # so I can talk to you more about this issue?

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608-266-1832
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From: mcharry@wi.rr.com <mcharry@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Surgical masks for medical staff

Senator Wanggaard,
It is my understanding that our medical professionals do not have enough of the necessary precautions (surgical masks) during this Covid19 virus. I tried contacting Aurora Administration but all I can get is a long wait and a phone jail.
What can we do to increase the number of masks (and other precautions) our staff need to keep them safe while they are working, and putting themselves at risk?
Thank you for attempting to address this matter.
I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Carol Harry
27012 Sherwood Forest Drive
Waterford, WI

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:55 AM EDT
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tax Refund processing

You can try:

262-595-0294

LANDLINE

From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Refund processing

Scott-
Do you have a phone number for this taxpayer? The one we have isn't sufficient.
-A

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From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:14:33 PM
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From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:13 PM
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Hi Scott,
There was a processing issue. DOR staff have worked it out and will reach out to Mr. Seickman tomorrow with the status of his return.
Best,
Ann

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Wisconsin Department of Revenue

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:51 AM EDT
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tax Refund processing

Unfortunately, it's on my desk at work, and with the Gov's Shelter in place order, I'm not there anymore. Sorry.

From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Refund processing

Scott-
Do you have a phone number for this taxpayer? The one we have isn't sufficient.
-A

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Subject: RE: Tax Refund processing

Thanks

From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Refund processing

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Best,
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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:52 AM EDT
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tax Refund processing

Hi Ann –

Just wanted to let you know that Mr. Sieckman called us, and he got his refund. He is very appreciative.

Scott

From: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Refund processing

Hey Scott:

Customer Service tried to reach out using this number, but it was disconnected. Can you provide Mr. Seickman this number to reach us? 608-266-2486

-A

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From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:55:39 AM
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tax Refund processing

You can try:

262-595-0294

LANDLINE

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:34 PM EDT
To: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

As of Friday night, yes.

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Great-thanks Scott. So are all of those range's currently closed?

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From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:17 PM
To: McKinny, Christopher J.
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

Looks like just Waukesha County from my list..

Waukesha Gun Club
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Lakeview Gun Club
Schultz Gun Club
McMiller Gun Club

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

Was it Waukesha and Ozaukee counties that this was an issue? Thanks!

Chris

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From: McKinny, Christopher J.
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:07:31 PM
To: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Josh just called me about a message he received from Sen. Wanggaard-I just wanted to follow-up with you on it. Do you have some time to talk? My work cell is 608-224-9207. Thanks!

Chris

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To: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

Thank you and the AG for addressing this, Chris. And for doing so promptly.

Thanks

Scott

From: McKinny, Christopher J - DOJ <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Hey Scott,

If you have not already seen it, here is an updated FAQ from the Governor's office that specifically mentions that shooting ranges are essential businesses. We will have one of our assistant attorneys general reach out to the DA in Waukesha County to make sure they are aware of this. If this continues to be an issue please be sure to let me know, and please thank Sen. Wanggaard for bringing it to Josh's attention.

Thanks!

Chris

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Safer%20at%20Home%20FAQ%203.31.20.pdf>

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From: McKinny, Christopher J. <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS
Subject: Re: Time to Talk

Thanks. If you hear of any others can you please let me know? I'll be in touch soon on this.

Chris

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From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:34:21 PM
To: McKinny, Christopher J. <McKinnyCJ@doj.state.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Time to Talk

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:31 PM EDT
To: Bentz, Nick <Nick.Bentz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: transportation contracts

Yes. To be clear, however, it applies to all vendor contracts.

From: Bentz, Nick <Nick.Bentz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Loneragan, Sandy <Sandy.Loneragan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: transportation contracts

Hi Scott,

Last week you passed along some information related to enforcing contracts between school districts and transportation companies. Are you planning on pushing to have that included in the omnibus?

Thanks!

Nick Bentz
State Sen. Dale Kooyenga
5th Senate District
310 South, State Capitol
608-266-2512
Nick.Bentz@legis.wi.gov

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:34 PM EDT
To: Bentz, Nick <Nick.Bentz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: transportation contracts

Sorry, it applies to all school district contracts. The buses, the school lunch companies, the teachers, etc.

From: Bentz, Nick <Nick.Bentz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Loneragan, Sandy <Sandy.Loneragan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: transportation contracts

Are there other entities other than schools that are trying to cancel and/or not honor their contracts?

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Bentz, Nick <Nick.Bentz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: transportation contracts

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:10 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Call

Hi John –

Heard from Clive this morning, and he still hasn't heard anything. He's at the end of his rope. Can you have someone call him, please?

Clive Siefert
262-331-3575

Thanks

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: UI Call

Thank you John

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any finger slips, typos, misspelling and autocorrects. Thank you.

On Mar 26, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

We'll reach out to him directly.
Thanks.
John

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI Call

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Tried all day yesterday and already this morning.

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Scott

Scott Kelly
Chief of Staff
Senator Van Wanggaard
608-266-1832
scott.kelly@legis.wi.gov

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To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Call

Thanks, John

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Call

I'll check on it.
Thanks, Scott.

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: UI Call

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:50 AM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

Thank you.

From: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

Hi Scott,
We've not disconnected the phones.
I'll have someone reach out to her, though.
Thanks.
John

From: Kelly, Scott - LEGIS <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Kerkman - LEGIS <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

Hi John –

See below. She needs to speak with a claims specialist, but you've disconnected the phones. What is she supposed to do?

Thanks

Scott

From: Sarah Sherman <sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Kerkman <Rep.Kerkman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment Due to COVID-19

To Whom It May Concern,

I worked as a temporary employee for IMS (Integrated Merchandising Solutions) through Hatch Staffing Services for approximately a month. On Monday, March 16th employees of IMS were instructed to work from home. As I am a temporary employee, the instruction did not apply to me and I was sent home for the foreseeable future. IMS expressed their hopes that I would return to finish my temporary assignment with them once their employees are permitted to work from their premises again.

In the meanwhile, Hatch Staffing Services has not found another assignment for me. I have submitted an application for unemployment benefits from lack of work due to COVID-19, but my application is unable to proceed further as I've been instructed to call DWD and speak with a claims specialist. As of at least Thursday, March 19th I am no longer able to contact unemployment services by phone as the state has decommissioned the phone lines.

I am in need of your assistance in figuring out my next steps. Due to COVID-19 I am currently unable to work and the current state of my unemployment application has left me in a position where I am unable to earn any income. What can be done about this?

Sincerely,

Sarah Sherman
262-308-6437
sarah.sherman.20@gmail.com

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:18 PM EDT
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent Constituent Concern

Thank you Zach –

Please know our procedure going forward with these types of issues is to make contact with the constituent, and contact the agency "in charge" along with you and DHS legislative liaisons. I admit this is part CYA, and part trying to get immediate results. If you have a "point person" on this, please let me know., and we will adjust accordingly.

Scott

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent Constituent Concern

Our team has been in touch with her, it sounds like she now has everything she needs.

ZM

Zach Madden
Legislative Liaison
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Email: Zach.Madden@wisconsin.gov
Phone: (608) 266-7794 [office], (608) 279-6374 [cell]
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<http://wicount.wi.gov>

From: Sen.Wanggaard - LEGIS <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric X - LEGIS <eric.barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent Constituent Concern

Lisa,

We have what appears to be a fairly time sensitive issue with a constituent. I have attached the email as well as copied it below. To summarize, Peggy Kasper is a 62 year old with multiple chronic conditions that have severely weakened her immune system. She has a very limited diet (no dairy, wheat, sugar, artificial ingredients, among other things) and has been unable to find a grocery store that has the food necessary for her survival.

I am wondering if there are any programs you are aware of that may be able to help this woman.

Thank you for all of your hard work during this time,

Eric S. Barbour
Office of Senator Van H. Wanggaard
21st Senate District
(608) 266-1832

From: Peggy Kasper, Kasper.peggy@gmail.com

"I am a 62 year old wife with multiple chronic conditions which have severely affected my immune system. My body has been deconditioned to where I can only move about 3 pounds around with limited mobility. I am just starting to be able to drive around my subdivision but it is going to be a long time before I will be strong enough to travel. I have been wearing an N95 mask for 2 years already for when I would go to the Dr's office, which has been about the only times I have left the house due to my condition. I have an extremely limited diet: No dairy, wheat, soy, sugar, artificial ingredients, nothing that is not PH neutral (no tomatoes, citrus, spices). I can only drink certain spring water, our well water and a few teas. Eating in a restaurant is almost impossible. 95% of the food in a grocery store is impossible for me to eat. I have been trying to make drive through orders at Pick & Save and Walmart with no success at getting the food I need to live. My husband is having macular hole surgery on April 1 and also cannot go out of the house for fear of getting it himself which would result in his surgery being canceled causing the possible loss of his vision in that eye. Also if he goes out he might not get the virus but he could bring it home to me which could be deadly in my compromised condition. I have tried ordering the food on line from the various outlets and they just don't have the basics that I need.

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Is there a program out there that can help someone in my condition? My husband will not be able to drive for at least 2 weeks after the surgery and I have friends that are looking for these basic items but they are not able to find them either. I have very few friends and family in the immediate area. Most live an hour away or more.

Here's what I am looking for to survive per week:

2 pounds of plain brown rice (not enriched)

1 3pound bag of Gala apples (must be Gala because of the PH)

1 large bag of frozen blueberries (these are the only 2 fruits I can eat)

10 bags of frozen veggies (Broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, peas, carrots, squash with nothing else in the bag, no natural flavoring, preservatives, just plain vegetables)

1 bag baby carrots-I don't have the strength to process large carrots

3 dozen eggs-this is where I get a lot of my protein

These are the items that I am having problems getting. Of course there are the other normal grocery items that my husband needs but we can work around his food needs so much easier. Is there any way to have food items delivered to a home for those of us with special needs? Any help or suggestions as to how to obtain food safely for us for the months ahead would be greatly appreciated. It's going to be a long time before it will be safe for us to venture out even as the world gets back to "normal" due to the risk of my health – I just can't afford to get even a simple head cold. I am severely sensitive to medications which makes my situation even more serious. I am already rationing what I have left here. I will keep trying to place an order online but it does not look hopeful and as of the 1st it will be impossible for me to do a drive through with my husband laying in a face down position for 1-2 weeks while his eye heals.

Thank you for any help/ideas you may have,

Peggy Kasper

PS-I feel for the entire world right now. I know the pain of staying isolated for almost 2 years now. I would not wish this on anyone L"

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:25 PM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: urgent request - Mental Health crisis

Thought the same thing. They're working on a legislative package. I'll try to get this included.

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I doubt she is our constituent, but this is an interesting concern. Mason had a phone call with his therapist yesterday, but video would be much better. The therapist mentioned that many of their rules have been suspended to hopefully allow video conferencing soon. I don't know if it's been discussed, but this would help a lot of people. Just a thought.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your time,
Pam Schultz

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Nate

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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For further information see the **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Van Bills

Woo hoo!

From: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Van Bills

FWIW, my boss supports this one.
Nate

From: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Following up on yesterday's email, I have attached the bill requiring districts to pay their vendors.

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Thanks

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:10 PM EDT
To: LTSB - Technical Support <Technical.Support@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Virtual Senate Session Preparation

Is there anyone specific he should call. I know Jared called yesterday.

From: LTSB - Technical Support <Technical.Support@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Virtual Senate Session Preparation

Hi Scott,

LTSB is trying to make sure Senator Wanggaard's laptop is ready to go for Remote Session. We would like the Senator to have his laptop with him where he will be attending the Virtual Senate Session (i.e. at home). The call should not take too long, but we want to ensure the following things:

- VPN is up to date and functional on his laptop
- He is able to login successfully to the computer
- We can install an alternative remote access tool in case the VPN is not available
- Verify his home internet connection speeds
- Do a test Skype for Business call to demonstrate functionality, and ensure webcam and mic on laptop are working properly

Please let us know a good time to reach out, and we will get something scheduled.

Thank you!
Justin Huber
Technical Services Unit
tech.support@legis.wi.gov
(608) 267-9528



From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:13 AM EDT
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
CC: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Yesterday

[I'll work on it now.](#)

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Yesterday

Do we have a written unemployment response?

Sent from my iPhone

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No, we don't. I meant to do it yesterday, but I was dealing with the non-specific shelter in place order.

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CC: Maxim, Valirie <Valirie.Maxim@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Barbour, Eric <Eric.Barbour@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Yesterday

[Can y'all proof this?](#)

Thank you for contacting me about repealing the one-week waiting period between filing for unemployment benefits and collecting the benefit.

I support suspending the one-week waiting period during the COVID-19 pandemic and have drafted a bill to do just that. The massive layoffs we are seeing during this time, along with government forcing businesses to close and causing unemployment calls for easing the rules. In addition, I was pleased to see the work search requirement waived during the emergency. I am hopeful that bill will pass when the Legislature reconvenes.

It is important to note, however, that the one-week waiting period does have a legitimate purposes. This waiting period was put in place to add to stability to the Unemployment Fund following the Great Recession of 2008-10. Many employers were using the Unemployment Fund to support their workers during annual choices to shut operations during the year (for example, during deer hunting season or holidays.) Thanks to this, and other reforms to unemployment, Wisconsin's fund was able to recover from the Great Recession faster than many other states. Therefore, I do not support a full repeal of the waiting period.

Again, thank you for reaching out about easing the unemployment rules during this pandemic. Please feel free to reach out again in the future if you have questions on this, or any other issue.

Regards,

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:24 PM EDT
To: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: School Buses/Contracts
Attachment(s): "19-6091_P2.pdf"

Hi Katy-

I heard a rumor that Howard is concerned with the school busing issue too. Is he supportive of Van's bill? Or something similar?

Scott

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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14 goods or services because of the public health state of emergency declared on March
15 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

16 (END)

From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:38 PM EDT

To: Ottman, Tad <Tad.Ottman@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: School Districts

Attachment(s): "19-6091_P2.pdf"

Hi Tad & Dan –

I know that you, Dan, have this. We'd like it included in the Omnibus. There are at least 4 Senators, including Van that I know support it, and I think more. I've had inquiries since caucus about whether we're still pushing this, and the answer is YES.

Thanks

Scott

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16 (END)

From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:10 AM EDT
To: DeGarmo, Ann M - DOR <ann.degarmo@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tax Refund processing

Hi Ann –

I just got a call from a constituent who hasn't received his tax refund- Gary Sieckman in Mount Pleasant. He filed at the beginning of the month, and is now told it'll be two months to get his money back?

Can you help me and Gary out?

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:07 PM EDT
To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Telehealth follow up

With the ability of psychiatrists and therapists to use telehealth, can they use both audio and video, or just audio? Are there any restrictions? Again, I'm talking mental health here only.

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:08 AM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI Call

Another constituent who has been trying to call for a week he says.
Clive Siefert
262-331-3575

Was able to file online on the 18th, (he thought) said he needed a claim specialist, but hasn't been able to talk to anyone. Tried all day yesterday and already this morning.

Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:50 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI Problem

Hi John –

I have a constituent, Angela Riese 138 S. Emmertsen Road in Mt Pleasant, who is having problems with filing for UI.

She is a permanent resident alien, so the automated system keeps kicking her out. She's a dental hygienist and been laid off due to the pandemic.

Can you have someone reach out to her? 262-993-6134. Thanks

Scott

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From: Kelly, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:28 PM EDT
To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UI

Kathy is askig about call-in portion of UI. I reached out to John Keckhaver and DWD can reach out to the constituent to ease the way.

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Attachment(s): "19-6019_P1.pdf"

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 891.453 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** defining infectious
2 diseases for purposes of a presumption of employment-connected disease.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law contains a presumption for correctional officers, emergency medical service providers, fire fighters, or law enforcement officers that if the person showed no evidence of an infectious disease in a medical examination prior to employment in his or her role, but becomes disabled or dies because of the disease, the employment is presumed to have caused the disease for purposes of collecting disability or death benefits or certain retirement benefits. Under current law, for the purposes of this presumption, “infectious disease” is defined to include the human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, diphtheria, meningococcal meningitis, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, and severe acute respiratory syndrome. This bill adds to this list of infectious diseases severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

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(END)

From: Kelly, Scott

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:13 AM EDT

To: Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ottman, Tad <Tad.Ottman@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: waivers

Hi guys – I haven't talked to Van this morning, but he texted last night he had "issues" with the DHS waiver stuff. I don't know that they can't be overcome, but I think someone (other than me) is going to have to walk him through it.

Caucusing?

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:01 AM EDT

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CC: Wanggaard, Van <Van.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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From: Osdene, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:02 PM EDT
To: Keckhaver, John E - DWD <John.Keckhaver@dwd.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wanggaard constituent: Ron Peterson

Hi John,

I spoke to Ron Peterson today regarding his wife's eligibility for the additional \$600 per week via the stimulus money. Can you either let me know or have someone contact Ron directly to discuss his wife's eligibility? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Osdene
Office of Senator Wanggaard
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-----Original Message-----

From: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Osdene, Michelle <Michelle.Osdene@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Contacted by Ron Peterson about his wife's UI benefits. Her hours were decreased by 50%. He is confident she will get UI, but wants to know if she will get the additional \$600 of stimulus.

Ron's cell: 262-752-6402
Marie Peterson cell: 774-208-6162

2522 North Fancher, Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:18 PM EDT
To: Sue Luetttgen Gipp <susan.luetttgen_gipp@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: April 7 election - bad news for seniors

Thank you for contacting me about changing Wisconsin's elections law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

At a time when we should be coming together as a state to ease the burden on Wisconsinites, I found Governor Evers' call for everyone to be issued a mail-in ballot particularly troubling. Prior to his announcement, Governor Evers knew that it was not possible to mail every voter a mail-in ballot prior to election day. That would have required printing, mailing, delivering, and returning nearly 3,500,000 ballots in fewer than 10 days. In addition to the difficulty in meeting this timeline, mailing every voter a ballot is an invitation for fraud, as more than 600,000 ballots have already been mailed for the election.

I also do not think it is necessary to change the deadlines for absentee balloting. The current deadlines provide plenty of time for returning ballots, and if a ballot is not returned on time, in person voting is still possible on election day. I am open to different methods of tabulating absentee ballots, and it is possible some changes may be made on that subject in the future.

I know this wasn't the answer you were hoping for, but I thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Please not do hesitate to contact me again in the future on this, or any other issue.

Regards,



Van Wanggaard

From: Sue Luetttgen Gipp <susan.luetttgen_gipp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:12 AM
To: Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: April 7 election - bad news for seniors

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Sue Luetttgen Gipp <susan.luetttgen_gipp@yahoo.com>
To: Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov <sen.wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 10:14:49 PM CDT
Subject: April 7 election - bad news for seniors

Hello. Can you possibly help with a poor decision by our governor and the election commission to hold the elections on April 7th? Really?? We shut down so many businesses and govt offices to protect the public and workers yet we allow the election? You are probably aware that the majority of poll workers are seniors. Honestly, how can one justify holding the elections on April 7th yet restrict all other activities and businesses? Would a postponement till June really be that impossible or inconvenient?

Daily, our governor calls on people to stay home – what about our loyal poll workers??

I'm truly disappointed in the decision to hold the election on April 7th. Must be way more politics involved than I can reasonably see. Know the push is to have absentee voting but already past the date to mail voters a ballot. A Federal judge ordered the online absentee voting requests reopened but didn't change the election date? Geez, even the prisoners are getting a break from the virus.

Thanks for your ear on this.

Sincerely,

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From: Sen.Wanggaard
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 12:26 PM EDT
To: Van Wanggaard <vwanggaard@gmail.com>
Subject: VW call: Do not delay voting, Alderman Tom Preusker
Attachment(s): "image002.jpg", "image001.png"

Hi Van,

Would you like to call Alderman Tom Preusker? He didn't want the date changed. Should be a friendly conversation. Let me know either way so I can file accordingly. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Do not delay voting, Alderman

Speaker Vos
Senator Wanggaard
Senator Fitzgerald

Executive Order #74 is an outrage and sophomoric. We've known about the virus and the election date for months. Absentee voting has been available for weeks.

We cannot cancel the election the day before the election. My term, three other Alderman, and the mayor's term expires tomorrow. The election cannot be delayed until June.

Our government cannot function without half the Council and without a mayor until June.

Can you help with this?

Thank you for your service.

Thank you,

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Cc: Jeannie Hefty <jhefty@burlington-wi.gov>

All~

Hang on the roller coaster peddle is accelerating.....

Attached is executive order #74 suspending the in person voting until June 2020. I have forwarded a copy to John B.

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EO074-SuspendingInPersonVotingAndSpecialSession.pdf>

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