



BARBARA DITTRICH

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 38th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

May 22nd, 2020

The Honorable Tony Evers
Office of the Governor
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Governor Evers,

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on a previous letter I sent to you yesterday, May 21, 2020. I believe this is a critical issue that needs immediate attention and clear guidance.

On Monday, May 4, 2020, your administration announced plans to test every nursing home and worker in the state. It would help to assuage the concerns of Wisconsinites to learn how that plan is being executed. Yesterday, shortly after my initial letter was sent, you announced that your administration would be dedicating \$100 million for long-term care, home and community based services, and emergency medical services. With senior care facilities currently operating at \$150 million loss for the past two months, people want to know what portion of this \$100 million will be going to our hardest hit and most vulnerable population in the state, senior citizens.

I would also like to remind you that the elderly and those closest to them would like to know how much of the \$1 billion of federal CARES Act funding to statewide testing for COVID-19 and how much of the \$150 million in PPE will be directed towards seniors.

Further, I am seeking answers as to whether DHS has formulated any sort of visitation protocol to address the many individuals suffering from dementia and memory loss whose symptoms are being exacerbated by the isolation involved with COVID-19.

Again, my wish is to work with you and your administration on addressing these concerns so that Wisconsinites can be best served during this outbreak. To reiterate my point from our communication yesterday, our seniors should at least be receiving the same aggressive attention and care as those who are in our prisons for committing a crime.

I look forward to your reply as we seek ways to ensure the safety and peace of mind for our most vulnerable population and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Dittrich". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Barbara Dittrich
State Representative
38th Assembly District