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Representative Rob Brooks Statement on Supreme Court Decision

Madison, WI—Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a 4-3 decision in *Fabick v. Evers*, ending Governor Tony Evers' illegal executive orders. Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) issued the following statement:

"Today's ruling by the Wisconsin Supreme Court affirmed what we have known for months: Governor Evers' continuation of his COVID-19-related emergency orders violated state law. I applaud the court for ending this constitutional crisis and upholding the separation of powers and rule of law, the bedrocks of our republic and judicial system.

French philosopher, Charles de Montesquieu, in *Spirit of Laws*, defined tyrannical government as one in which "the right both of making and enforcing the laws, in vested in one and the same man, or one and the same body of men, for whenever these two powers are united together, there can be no public liberty." Thomas Jefferson concurred, positing that one branch of government carrying out all three powers, making, executing, and interpreting laws, would result in an oligarchy.

Today's ruling vindicates the legislature as a coequal branch of government, as outlined in the separation of powers clause established by our state's framers and is a win-win for Wisconsin. It is my hope Governor Evers' rethinks his go-it alone approach to governing and makes it a priority to work with the legislature on issues of importance to our state."

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