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Rep. Considine: More corruption and more felonies are wrong for Wisconsin

Madison – Tonight, the State Assembly passed two bills that would set dangerous new precedents in Wisconsin. Assembly Bill (AB) 373 and AB 147 passed after several hours of contentious debate. Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) responded to the votes with the following statement:

“AB 373 will open the door for political favoritism and corruption in our state’s civil service system by dismantling an infrastructure that has served the state well for decades. While the way we hire and supervise state employees may benefit from changes, they should be made over time and with the ideas and cooperation of the public we serve. Instead, my Republican colleagues in the Assembly have chosen to leave the voters out of an important discussion that began less than a month ago.

“I am also disappointed in the passage of AB 147, which would create even more felonies and legal disadvantages for people who struggle with mental illness. No one should face threats or violence against themselves or their families simply for doing their job. But without any considerations in this bill for people with severe mental health issues, we are pushing them further away from quality mental health care and into the criminal justice system, which is already overburdened. We need to do better by our fellow community members, and that is why I voted against AB 147.”

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