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Assembly Ends Governor's Unlawful Order

Rep. Snyder Encourages Use of Masks and All Other Safety Precautions

Madison... Representative Patrick Snyder (Schofield) gave the following statement after the State Assembly ended Governor Tony Evers' executive order which illegally extended a public health emergency longer than what is permitted under state law absent legislative approval:

"Today's vote ends the Governor's emergency declaration which has been in place for 269 days longer than allowed under Wisconsin law. From the beginning this has been about the Governor acting outside the scope of his powers. Our government works on a system of checks and balances and today's vote reinforces the role of the Legislature as an equal branch of government."

Representative Snyder also signed onto a letter to the Governor which encourages Governor Evers to follow the administrative process established under law and submit to the Legislature a rule which can protect public health while respecting both the rule of law and liberty. Rep. Snyder continued:

"It is my hope that the Governor works with the Legislature moving forward on areas of compromise to protect public health during the pandemic including limited mask requirements in vulnerable settings and improving his vaccine rollout plan. I will continue to wear my mask in public so long as it helps mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and Wisconsinites are vaccinated."

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The 85th Assembly District includes the Cities of Wausau and Schofield; the Villages of Rothschild, Elderon, and Hatley; and the Towns of Ringle, Norrie, Weston, Bevent, Easton, Reid and Franzen.