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## **Our Rights Have Been Vetoed**

Over the past year or so, our daily activities have been affected by government more than we could have ever imagined. We have been told from a variety of entities as to what is right and what is wrong. However, the United States Constitution and our very own Wisconsin State Constitution have both been thrown out the window lately.

Recently, Governor Tony Evers vetoed many pieces of legislation relating to our basic rights as citizens of the United States of America and of Wisconsin.

Elected officials in Wisconsin, and throughout the nation, take an oath of office when they are sworn in to not only defend the state constitution, but the federal constitution as well. Within these constitutions includes the rights to assemble, to practice religion, and to privacy. All three of these have been disregarded with the recent vetoes by the Governor of Assembly Bill 23 and Assembly Bill 24 among others.

Assembly Bill 23 would have prohibited officials working for the non-elected Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine, which effects our right to privacy. Our medical history is no one's business except our own. Under current law, during a state of emergency related to public health declared by the governor, DHS may order any individual to receive a vaccination, except under certain medical circumstances or if the individual objects for religious or conscience reasons, and may isolate or quarantine an individual who is unwilling or unable to be vaccinated.

As it relates to our rights as Americans to assemble and right to religion as stated in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, Governor Evers vetoed Assembly Bill 24 that would have forbid local health officers from taking any action to close or forbid gatherings in places of worship. Furthermore, this bill would have restricted local health officers from limiting capacity in places of worship. Our country was founded by those who were being persecuted for their faith. It is disrespectful to not only our history, but to the people of our state to undermine our god given rights. The Bill of Rights was written as a restraint on the government, these rights do not come from the government they come from our creator.



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In addition, another bill that was recently vetoed would have brought the state into the next generation providing for technological growth. Assembly Bill 239 would have provided \$500 million in grants to expand broadband to the areas who need it the most.

I am disturbed at the recent trend of trampling on rights and of holding back rural areas. As we continue into the legislative session, I will be voting to strengthen our rights and help bring our communities into the next generation.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at [Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov).

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