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Governor Scott Walker
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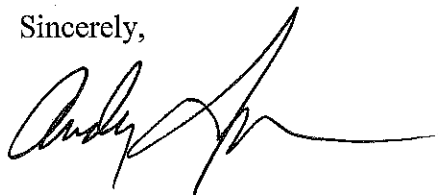
I write today to again express my disappointment over your decision to sign Assembly Bill 19 and Senate Bill 324 in secret on March 27th, and to ask that you explain your actions to the people of Wisconsin. You may recall, I first sent you a letter with this request, together with 33 of my colleagues, on April 1st. It's important you address our concerns, but more so that you address the concerns of our shared constituents – our neighbors and friends.

As a reminder, veterans' advocates called AB 19 "devastating" to the victims of asbestos exposure, many of whom served in our armed forces. With your secret signature, you have made this terrible idea the law of the land, denying justice to our men and women in uniform in their dying days. They are questioning why you would choose to support this bill – and at the very least, they deserve your answer.

Furthermore, you should also know that SB 324 was panned by municipal officials, voters' rights groups, and by many of our constituents, because it usurps the authority of our locally-elected clerks to set convenient and appropriate absentee voting hours and, therefore, stands to limit voting access. With more than 20% of Wisconsin's voting population casting absentee ballots in November 2012, it is clear there is an appetite for this kind of service, and we see no good or fair reason to limit it. If you truly feel you can defend your action, you should make your case known.

AB 19 and SB 324 stand to make significant impacts in the lives of our friends and neighbors and you should not duck questions regarding your motives. I look forward to your explanations, in whatever method you choose.

Sincerely,



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State Representative, 43rd Assembly District