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## **GOP Legislators Circulate Bill to Protect Healthcare Workers**

**Madison**... Today, Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine), and Representative Gae Magnafici (R-Dresser) circulated legislation to protect frontline healthcare workers from battery and threats of violence. Together they released the following statement:

"Republicans made significant investments to hospital and personal care workers in the budget. Today, we're putting forward legislation to protect the frontlines of healthcare and send the clear message that threatening a healthcare worker with violence is not acceptable and will be treated as a serious offense.

"The stress, pressure, and violence the healthcare profession has endured over the past two years is unprecedented and has contributed to higher attrition rates among nurses and hospital staff when we can least afford to lose them. Republicans are stepping up to let healthcare workers know we have their backs."

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