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## Statement on Extension of "Shelter-in-place" to May 26th

Sen. Craig: "Evers and Palm have gone too far! The Senate must reject Palm now!"

Madison, WI — Today, State Senator David Craig (R-Town of Vernon) released the following statement relating to the extension of the Shelter in Place order to May 26<sup>th</sup> and his call to reject the nomination of Secretary-designee, Andrea Palm:

"From the beginning of the 'shelter-in-place' order by Governor Evers and Secretarydesignee Andrea Palm, it was clear they exceeded their constitutional and statutory authority. With the stroke of a pen, they stripped away fundamental constitutional rights to worship, assemble, move freely, and earn a living.

"I've sent letters to the Governor and the Attorney General asking for their justification for the unconstitutional approach used in the 'shelter-in-place' order and have shared other concerns to administration officials over unclear, confusing, and unconstitutional orders resulting in heavy-handed action like banning of drive-up church services, window visits to loved ones, entrance to state parks, and many other actions. To date, I have received no substantive responses to my concerns and the people of Wisconsin have received no relief.

"Now, when the economy is on its knees, rather than being flexible on ways to reopen the economy with little-to-no risk, Sec.-designee Palm has once again acted far beyond her authority. As such, the legislature must act immediately to reject her nomination and remove her from her position. She must not be allowed to continually trample on the constitution or the state's economy.

"Enough is enough! I'm calling on Senate Leadership to convene the Senate immediately. Until we reject Palm and re-open the state, the very avoidable economic suffering will continue. The people of Wisconsin cannot wait for action any longer!"

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<u>Senator Craig</u> represents the 28<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Walworth counties.