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**Waupun Guard Tower Positions Restored**  
*Sen. Gudex and Rep. Schraa listen to community concerns*

**Madison**—The proposed state budget called for the elimination of 3<sup>rd</sup> shift guard tower positions at all correctional facilities around the state.

On Tuesday, the Joint Committee on Finance passed a motion to retain 6 guard tower positions at the Waupun Correctional Institute. After meeting with Waupun Mayor Kyle Clark, local officials, concerned citizens and Correctional Officers on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> as well as paying the facility a surprise visit at 3am on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Senator Gudex and Representative Schraa worked to get this motion passed by the committee.

“The Waupun Correctional Facility is one of the oldest correctional facilities in the United States. Citizens and community leaders had voiced their concern for the community’s safety given its location in the middle of the city. After seeing the facility firsthand on Monday morning, we thought that we would ask that the Institution be given 18 months to get the added security measures and a community awareness effort in place before completely eliminating these positions. I want to thank the members of Joint Finance for helping ensure a safe transition for the institution, its employees and the residents of Waupun,” said Senator Rick Gudex.

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