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## **Senator Lazich Applauds Approval of Senate Bill 43**

Madison, Wis. – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate approved Senate Bill 43 (SB 43), legislation that makes changes to John Doe proceedings. Senate President Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin) issued the following statement:

“The approval of SB 43 ensures the protection of fundamental liberties. Wisconsin is the only state to use John Doe proceedings and it can be a useful tool used properly. However, as we have seen, these proceedings can be easily abused and the rights of innocent citizens violated.”

“SB 43 shapes the scope of John Doe proceedings to focus on the most serious and sensitive crimes while protecting the rights of Wisconsinites. SB 43 strikes a vital balance between investigatory tools and the rights of citizens.”

Senator Lazich represents parts of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, and Walworth counties.

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