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Rep. Madison Calls on Republicans to Get Serious About Addressing Conditions of Confinement

MADISON - Today, the Republican-led Assembly voted to pass SB 21 which would effectively lower long-term personal property allowances within the DOC.

Representative Madison (D-10) issued the following statement:

“I am grateful to my Republican colleagues who appear to earnestly want to improve conditions of confinement for people who are currently incarcerated in Wisconsin. If SB 21 actually met its own author’s goals of increasing personal property allowances, I would fully support the bill.

Unfortunately, while appearing to vote to raise property allowance limits within the DOC, Assembly Republicans just voted to lower the limit long-term on people who are currently incarcerated. The governor’s administration has already proposed administrative rules, and previously enforced emergency rules, that include a higher personal property allowance than SB 21.

My colleagues on both sides of the aisle clearly understand that prison and jail conditions in Wisconsin are inhumane and at a breaking point. This is the result of over a decade of inadequate action and embarrassing attempts at reforms by the Legislature.

The Legislature must take immediate and extensive action. I call on every legislator to support the ‘Conditions of Confinement’ legislative package that was drafted in coalition with people who are currently and formerly incarcerated, family members, former correctional officers, and advocacy partners.”

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