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Rep. Brill Issues Statement on the Rise of Media Coverage Regarding Bird Flu

Madison – As the situation regarding bird flu infections in American livestock receives increasing coverage, State Representative Lindee Brill (R-Sheboygan Falls) calls on Governor Evers to share how he would better protect the rights and liberties of Wisconsinites in a future public health emergency.

"It seems that more and more headlines are emerging designed to stoke anxiety among the public about the potential for a bird flu pandemic. In light of this, I am calling on Governor Evers to be open with the people of our state regarding how he would handle a future public health emergency. Whether it was keeping our children out of school, forcing the public to wear face coverings, placing onerous restrictions on churches that restricted our ability to worship, or one of his several other authoritarian dictates, it is clear to most that this Governor did not value the freedom of the individual when issuing his mandates during Covid."

"While protecting civil liberties in the midst of an emergency may not be a priority of this Governor, I believe preserving Wisconsinites' rights must be our paramount concern. This is why I have signed onto the resolution offered by Senator Cory Tomczyk to allow Wisconsin's voters to amend our state's Constitution to ensure that the freedom to worship will not be restricted in the face of a new public emergency. This is a common-sense approach to safeguard the religious liberties Governor Evers so callously abrogated during Covid."

"The people of our state deserve to know whether this Governor has learned his lesson *before* we find ourselves in another public health emergency. The Legislature can only do so much to preserve freedom, especially when a Governor disregards it as a priority. That is why I am calling on him today to outline his plan for protecting our citizens' rights in the unfortunate event we face another pandemic threat."

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Representative Lindee Brill (R-Sheboygan Falls) serves the 27th Assembly District which includes portions of Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Manitowoc counties.

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