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Rep. Moses Votes for COVID-19 Relief Bill

Madison, WI – Rep. Clint Moses (R-Menomonie) voted in favor of Assembly Bill 1 (AB1) which helps Wisconsinites and businesses who have been affected by the pandemic. AB1 contains 44 provisions including making \$100 million available to combat COVID-19. The legislation also ensures that Wisconsinites have access to necessary medications, vaccines, and tests.

"The virus has affected everyone in our state," said Rep. Moses. "This relief bill allows people to choose what's best for their family and preserves freedom."

One of the biggest problems that arose during the pandemic was the backlog of unemployment insurance claims that made Wisconsinites wait weeks, even months, for their benefits. AB1 also requires Evers administration in conjunction with the Department of Workforce Development to craft a plan to reduce the number of outstanding claims to pre-pandemic levels.

We are ensuring that families can safely visit their loved ones in nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide support for those struggling in isolation. This allows a resident to designate someone an "essential visitor" that may enter the facility to comfort their loved one.

This relief bill will make the vaccine readily available for those who wish to receive it. In addition, the bill will not allow businesses and schools requiring the vaccine for employment or attendance in school.

The legislation also protects our state and its citizens from government overreach by establishing legislative oversight of any new federal COVID dollars and reduces the ability for health officers to make sweeping, unnecessary closures without elected officials having input.

As we all strive to slow the spread and return to our lives, the Governor must do the same. The bill requires Governor Evers to create a plan for when state buildings will reopen and employees with inperson required positions will return to work.

"We are all fighting to overcome the virus and its effects on our lives," said Rep. Moses. "I'm glad we were able to pass a bill that gives families, businesses and the medical community additional resources."

Most of the provisions in the bill would end at the conclusion of the national emergency declaration or June 30th, whichever time is earlier.

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