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## Rep. Dittrich Condemns Defacing of Law Enforcement Memorial

**Oconomowoc** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*), made the following statement condemning the repeated defacing of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial:

"On Monday morning, October 2, 2023, staff approached the Capitol to once again see damage to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial on the Capitol Square. Names, words of inspiration, and in particular, the word "service" were scratched out with some sort of brown marker or crayon.

"Given the actual breaking of the stone of the memorial that occurred during the 2020 protest, which has now taken Wisconsin taxpayer dollars to restore, this was extremely upsetting to see. Our law enforcement officers deserve our support and respect as they put their lives on the line for the citizens in this state every day. They have also worked very hard to improve procedures, training, and protocol over the past three years. We cannot return to the days of violence, destruction, and hatred that divisively burned our communities in recent years.

"While I trust that the Wisconsin Department of Administration will promptly work to remove this damage from the Memorial, I would like to hear what the Evers administration will do to prevent this from happening again."

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