



BARBARA DITTRICH

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 38th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

For Immediate Release
Contact: Rep. Barbara Dittrich

January 4, 2022
608-266-8551

Rep. Dittrich Fights for Community Safety

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) participated in a Republican caucus media availability on Tuesday, detailing plans to restore public safety to our state.

Dittrich stated, “Wisconsin has outpaced the nation with a nearly 9% increase in violent crime. ([Source](#)) According to CNN, Milwaukee is one of ten major cities in the nation who set records for homicides in 2021. ([Source](#)) While the Waukesha Christmas Parade massacre may have been the last straw for some in our state, the heartbreak continues with 16-year-old Niesha Harris Brazell, just trying to do her job at a Burger King in Milwaukee, shot in cold blood as her best friend held her dying. This is not the Wisconsin our citizens deserve!

“That is why I am standing with my colleagues introducing a new package of bills that will get at the heart of activity putting our communities at such great risk. The package allocates approximately \$25 million federal dollars to recruit, retain, train, support, and equip our law enforcement officers. What this will mean in practicality is bonuses for new and existing law enforcement officers; funding and execution of a nationwide officer recruitment effort targeting communities that have attempted to defund the police; fully funding officer training and certification to ensure we have the best officers here in Wisconsin; creating new, part-time, training opportunities to attract non-traditional students to the field; and assisting small departments with costs associated with hiring new officers. Finally, the package will provide the public with a stronger understanding of their rights and responsibilities by developing a school opportunity for students to learn the best way to interact with law enforcement. In addition, most citizens know that I am a co-sponsor of Rep. Duchow’s SJR 82 to address the low bail crisis in our state.

“I ask that all Wisconsinites join me this Sunday, January 9th, to observe Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by wearing blue, turning on your blue porch lights, sending a card of appreciation to your local police department, or other such act to affirm our great need for their help in these dangerous times.”

###