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Rep. Born Statement on District Attorney Allocation

Governor Evers choosing political winners and losers on public safety

Madison- Today, Governor Evers announced the allocation of assistant district attorney positions following his line item veto in the state budget. In response, Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) released the following statement:

“Governor Evers decision today to take district attorney positions away from understaffed rural counties to give more to Milwaukee County is very concerning. Picking political winners and losers when it comes to public safety is the wrong way to govern.

“When Republicans put together our criminal justice plan, we followed the available data to make sure the places that needed it most were receiving assistance. Clearly, Governor Evers had other ideas. He took positions from Monroe and Manitowoc counties, which were staffed at 41% and 51% of need, to give them to Milwaukee County that was already staffed at 115% of estimated need.

“I am glad to see Governor Evers kept the much needed positions for Dodge and Washington counties in this final proposal. In conversations with local law enforcement and others involved in the criminal justice system, I know just how important these additional positions are to our local area.”

Data is from the most recent District Attorney Workload Analysis compiled by the Legislative Audit Bureau in 2015-2017.

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