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Statement of Rep. Jerry O'Connor on Gov. Evers' 2023-2024 Vetoes

MADISON - Representative Jerry O'Connor (R- Fond du Lac) released the following statement on Governor Evers' 2023-2024 vetoes.

"When we want to understand what the Governor has as his/her main priorities, we typically look at what bills they promoted during the legislative session. There is another way to identify how the Governor prioritizes his/her agenda. That comes from evaluating the focus of their vetoes. During the 2023-2024 legislative session the Governor vetoed 73 bills that were passed across the board by just short of a two-thirds legislative majority. In other words this is where the Republicans from across the State differ with the leftist priorities of this administration. The top targets of his veto pen were:

Not surprisingly, the number one target of the Governor's veto pen were nine election integrity bills put forth on behalf of the voters. This is quickly followed by vetoes of (6) tax cut bills; (8) DNR/Gun rights; (6) DEI/Woke restriction bills; (7) K-12/School Choice bills; (7) Jobs and Workforce bills; (7) Medical/ Healthcare related bills; (7) Criminal Justice changes; (7) Government Regulations bills; and (6) Transportation bills. A complete listing with links to those bills can be accessed below.

This Governor continues to set records for the number of vetoes he executes. He uses the veto pen and Executive Orders in a dictatorial style. He overrides the elected legislators who represent the majority of Wisconsin voters. His latest tool is to use the liberal Supreme Court to execute the bidding of the left. This is not how government should work. We need change in Madison."

BILL Number	VETOES	BILL TITLE
2023 Assembly Bill 396	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: fees for obtaining the official voter registration list. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 415	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: legislative redistricting . [Iowa Model] (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 476	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: filling vacancies in elective state offices in the executive branch.
2023 Assembly Bill 494	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: status as an indefinitely confined voter for purposes of automatically receiving absentee ballots and providing a penalty. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 543	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: election observers and providing a penalty
2023 Assembly Bill 570	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: certain kinds of election fraud, defects on absentee ballot certificates, returning absentee ballots to the office of the municipal clerk, appointment of election officials, allowing an employee of a residential care facility or qualified retirement home to serve as a personal care voting assistant during a public health emergency or an incident of infectious disease, and providing a penalty. (FE)

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2023 Assembly Bill 572	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: absentee voting in certain residential care facilities and retirement homes and court determinations of incompetency and ineligibility to vote.
2023 Senate Bill 98	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: verifying citizenship of individuals on the official voter registration list and contents of operator's licenses and identification cards. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 736	Election Integrity Safeguards	Relating to: postelection audits by the Legislative Audit Bureau and providing a penalty. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 480	Tax Credits	Relating to: eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 386	Tax Cuts	Relating to: lowering the individual income tax rates in the third bracket and increasing and expanding the retirement income subtraction. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 1020	Tax Cuts	Relating to: expansion of the second individual income tax bracket. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 1021	Tax Cuts	Relating to: increasing and expanding the retirement income subtraction. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 1022	Tax Cuts	Relating to: the married persons credit. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 1089	Tax Rules	Relating to: interest rates on late, non-delinquent taxes and on overpayments. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 1030	DNR/ Gun / Hunting Rights	Relating to: the regulation of deer hunting in the northern forest zone.
2023 Senate Bill 139	DNR/ Gun / Hunting Rights	Related to establishing a statewide wolf population goal.
2023 Senate Bill 466	DNR/ Gun / Hunting Rights	Relating to: prohibiting firearms merchant category codes in payment card transactions, prohibiting government lists of firearm owners, and providing a penalty.
2023 Senate Bill 312	DNR/ Gun Hunting Rights	Relating to: programs and requirements to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
2023 Senate Bill 641	DNR/ Gun Hunting Rights	Relating to: eliminating the prohibitions on electric weapons and providing a penalty.
2023 Assembly Bill 34	DNR/ Gun/ Hunting Rights	Relating to: restrictions on baiting deer in counties based on chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis.
2023 Senate Bill 316	DNR/ Gun/ Hunting Rights	Relating to: aquatic plant management plans and permit exemptions.
2023 Assembly Bill 512	DNR/ Gun/ Hunting Rights	Relating to: hunting wild animals with the aid of a dog, dog training on wild animals, and dog trialing on wild animals in the northern portion of the state.
2023 Assembly Bill 1065	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: prohibiting University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical colleges from using loyalty pledges and requiring them to make certain information publicly available.
2023 Assembly Bill 377	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: designating athletic sports and teams operated or sponsored by public schools or private schools participating in a parental choice program based on the sex of the participants.

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2023 Senate Bill 933	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: prohibiting discrimination in organ transplantation and donation on the basis of an individual's vaccination status.
2023 Assembly Bill 377	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: designating athletic sports and teams operated or sponsored by public schools or private schools participating in a parental choice program based on the sex of the participants.
2023 Assembly Bill 465	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: prohibiting gender transition medical intervention for individuals under 18 years of age.
2023 Assembly Bill 510	DEI /Woke Discrimination counter measures	Relating to: rights reserved to a parent or guardian of a child.
2023 Assembly Bill 603	K-12 and School Choice Bills	Relating to: erecting highway signs for The Prairie School in Racine County. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 335	K-12 and School Choice Bills	Relating to: allowing school boards to employ a school district administrator who is not licensed by the department of public instruction.
2023 Senate Bill 549	K-12 and School Choice Bills	Relating to: allowing representatives of certain federally chartered youth membership organizations to provide information to pupils on public school property.
2023 Senate Bill 608	K-12 and School Choice Bills	Relating to: a license to teach based on working as a paraprofessional in a school district. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 917	K-12 and School Choice School rules	Relating to: student teaching requirement for teacher preparatory programs and granting rule-making authority. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 688	K-12 and School Choice School rules	Relating to: local government competitive bidding thresholds and requiring school districts to utilize competitive bidding. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 545	Colleges & Universities	Relating to: technical college district board membership.
2023 Assembly Bill 149	Workforce Issues	Relating to: various changes to the unemployment insurance law. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 150	Workforce Issues	Relating to: various changes to the unemployment insurance law, federal Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment grants, and granting rule-making authority. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 436	Workforce Issues	Relating to: permits authorizing the employment of minors. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 151	Workforce Issues	Relating to: workforce metrics. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 152	Workforce Issues	Relating to: various changes to the unemployment insurance law and authorizing the secretary of administration to transfer employees from any executive branch agency to the Department of Workforce Development for certain purposes. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 200	Workforce Issues	Relating to: biennial report on various metrics related to the issuance of occupational credentials. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 201	Workforce Issues	Relating to: publication of credential metrics. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 49	Government Regulations	Relating to: restricting local regulation of utility service based on the type or source of energy. (FE)

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2023 Assembly Bill 957	Government Regulations	Relating to: preemption of certain local animal ordinances.
2023 Senate Bill 932	Government Regulations	Relating to: modifications to building program project budgets, selection of project architects and engineers, single prime contracting, agency cooperation with energy conservation contractors, timeline for claims before the Claims Board, and making a transfer to the state building trust fund. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 395	Government Regulations	Relating to: requirements for and insurance related to peer- to-peer motor vehicle sharing programs. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 916	Government Regulations	Relating to: requiring local governments to designate an individual for consultation required under a federal program regarding refugee resettlement and assistance. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 667	Government Regulations	Relating to: domestic asset protection trusts.
2023 Assembly Bill 146	Government Regulations	Relating to: Prohibits local guaranteed income programs.
2023 Assembly Bill 388	Medical/ Healthcare	Relating to: creating a child care center renovations loan program. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 610	Medical/ Healthcare	Relating to: waivers from immunization requirements at institutions of higher education.
2023 Assembly Bill 541	Medical/ Healthcare	Relating to: provision of telehealth services by out-of-state health care providers.
2023 Senate Bill 1014	Medical/ Healthcare	Relating to: funding for hospital emergency department services. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 398	Medical/Healthcare	Relating to: participants in clinical research trials. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 145	Medical/Healthcare	Relating to: advanced practice registered nurses, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 158	Medical/Healthcare	Relating to: preliminary health care credentials granted to previously unlicensed individuals. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 57	Criminal Justice issues	Relating to: dismissing or amending certain criminal charges and deferred prosecution agreements for certain crimes.
2023 Senate Bill 21	Criminal Justice issues	Relating to: the value of tangible personal property allowed in state correctional facilities.
2023 Senate Bill 517	Criminal Justice issues	Relating to: court-issued criminal complaints if the person's actions were in self-defense.
2023 Senate Bill 836	Criminal Justice issues	Relating to: imposing conditions on a juvenile between a plea hearing and a fact-finding hearing or disposition hearing.
2023 Assembly Bill 147	Criminal Justice issues	Relating to: various changes to the unemployment insurance law and requiring approval by the Joint Committee on Finance of certain federally authorized unemployment benefits. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 216	Transportation	Relating to: whip lights on all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles.

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2023 Senate Bill 217	Transportation	Relating to: passenger restrictions on all-terrain vehicles.
2023 Senate Bill 613	Transportation	Relating to: limiting the recovery of noneconomic damages from a commercial motor vehicle carrier.
2023 Senate Bill 52	Transportation	Relating to: creating a deicer applicators certification program and making an appropriation. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 669	Transportation	Relating to: a liability exemption for motor vehicle sellers after sale.
2023 Senate Bill 617	Transportation	Relating to: indicia of registration for electric vehicles. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 186	Real Estate Regulations	Relating to: procedures for reviewing commercial building plans. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 187	Real Estate Regulations	Relating to: local government review of commercial building plans. (FE)
2023 Senate Bill 188	Real Estate Regulations	Relating to: permission to start construction of a commercial building before plan approval. (FE)
2023 Assembly Bill 141	Climate Change rules	Relating to: restriction on the sale or use of a device based on its energy source.
2023 Assembly Bill 142	Climate Change rules	Relating to: restrictions on use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source.

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