

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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To the Leadership of Froedtert Hospitals:

We are writing as members of the Wisconsin State Legislature to express our outrage and deep concern over reports of Froedtert's recent denial of medical care to an on-duty police officer—simply because he was wearing his department-issued firearm.

Denying care to a uniformed law enforcement officer in need of treatment is not only indefensible—it is dangerous. This action undermines the public trust and conflicts with the core mission of any healthcare institution: to provide care and compassion to all patients. It also sets a dangerous precedent where healthcare access is influenced by corporate conformity instead of medical need.

Unfortunately, it appears that this is not an isolated incident. It reflects a troubling pattern of disrespect toward law enforcement. Alarming stories are coming to light that indicate Froedtert policies limit officers' ability to interview victims, suspects, and witnesses while on the premises. It is highly concerning that an institution like Froedtert would implement procedures that have the effect of limiting cooperation with police and seeming to bend to anti-police sentiment at the expense of public safety. It sends a chilling message to the men and women of law enforcement: you are not welcome, even when you're protecting us. The presence of law enforcement in the hospital protects all of the patients and staff.

Froedtert is a nonprofit healthcare provider that receives substantial taxpayer support. With that comes the obligation to treat every patient—including those who wear the badge—with dignity, respect, and urgency.

We call on Froedtert to immediately issue a public apology to the officer involved in this most recent incident, review and reverse any policies that would lead to the denial of care to law enforcement, explain the reason behind policies that limit officers' ability to carry out their work while on premises and seem to require security accompaniment for police, and implement guidelines that enable them to effectively carry out their responsibilities while on your premises.

We eagerly await your response.

Respectfully,

Sen. Julian Bradley 28<sup>th</sup> District

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