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Statement on Supreme Court Decision: Wisconsin Legislature vs. Andrea Palm

Madison – In response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court’s decision in Wisconsin Legislature vs. Andrea Palm, Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah), released the following statement:

“I have mixed feelings about the decision rendered Wednesday by the court. I believe that, as the majority opinion stated, existing statutes are clear on this issue. Secretary-designee Palm, at the direction of Governor Evers, exceeded her authority and acted unlawfully by extending the “Safer at Home” order without following necessary rulemaking procedures; constitutional questions notwithstanding.

“I’m pleased that Secretary-designee Palm and the governor will be held to account in needing to follow the law. For good reason, existing statutes provide the governor and his team a tremendous amount of latitude during a public health emergency and I’d like to again note that a large number of my colleagues and I have been generally supportive of several of the measures that have been taken to combat the current pandemic. However, that’s not what this case was about nor is it why the challenge was brought forward. This was a challenge to overreach by the executive branch based on the laws we have on the books and have had on the books for a number of years, and I’m glad that as a result of the decision, proper rulemaking procedures will need to be followed.

“The reason I have mixed feelings is because I’m disappointed that once again, in a span of just over a month, the Legislature has needed to seek legal remedy to make Governor Evers and his administration follow the law. Just over one month ago, after repeatedly stating that he knew he couldn’t move the date of the spring election, at the last minute, the governor attempted to do just that and again caused chaos and confusion for citizens throughout the state. I think everyone in our state deserves better than that from their elected officials.”

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