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Rep. Shankland: After Lame Duck Laws Ruled Unconstitutional, Governor Evers Leads in Protecting our Healthcare

MADISON- Today, Dane County Judge Richard Niess issued a temporary injunction, striking down every law and appointment passed during December's lame duck extraordinary session of the Wisconsin Legislature. He ruled that the session wasn't explicitly authorized under the state constitution, and that enforcing the results of an unconstitutional legislative action cannot be justified.

Governor Evers responded swiftly by directing the Wisconsin Department of Justice to "take whatever steps are necessary" to withdraw Wisconsin from the multi-state lawsuit challenging the Affordable Care Act, which ensures people with pre-existing conditions are covered.

In response, Rep. Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

"This ruling is a win for the people of our state. We knew from the start that December's lame duck session was a desperate overreach by power-hungry politicians who were unwilling to accept the results of the election. Our job as legislators is to represent the will of the people of Wisconsin, not override it. Not only did Republican legislators act shamefully, but today's ruling indicates they also acted unconstitutionally."

"I'm grateful for Governor Evers' leadership on protecting our health care and am thrilled that he moved immediately to remove us from the lawsuit. It's incredibly disappointing that Republican politicians abused their power to prevent him from fulfilling his pledge to the people to protect their healthcare, but I am pleased that the ruling today empowered the governor to act. I hope the results of this ruling will create a greater respect for the Constitution and the will of the people."

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