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Rep. Shankland Responds to Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling

STEVENS POINT – Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 to overturn the Safer at Home extension issued by Department of Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) issued the following statement in response:

"Wisconsin has made significant progress as we have all worked together to flatten the curve, preserve vital healthcare resources, and limit the spread of covid-19. I encourage everyone to continue to follow the guidelines set by public health experts to help protect ourselves and each other, including washing hands often and practicing social distancing.

"In striking down the Safer at Home order and requiring that new rules be made through the lengthy administrative rulemaking process, the Wisconsin Supreme Court did not provide the necessary time for the Legislature and governor to find a reasonable solution. This creates a void in state-level leadership at a time when our state needs certainty and clarity.

"The Legislature and governor must meet immediately to discuss and agree on a plan to manage the spread of covid-19. Wisconsinites are tired of partisan fighting, and we need to put politics aside to focus on saving lives, preventing the spread of this harmful virus, and keeping up the progress we've already made together in flattening the curve.

"What would be most harmful to the public health and the economy is a sudden, drastic spike in covid-19 cases. We all want to protect our loved ones and make sure they are healthy, just as we want to safely reopen our economy. We can and must do both responsibly and without partisan gamesmanship. We acted together last month to pass bipartisan covid-19 relief legislation, and we can come together again."

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