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Rep. Lisa Subeck Slams Trump Administration's Sweeping Cuts on Community Health Services

MADISON - Following the sudden cancellation of \$12 billion in healthcare grants by the Trump Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is facing a projected funding loss exceeding \$210 million. These widespread cuts including mental health and substance abuse direct care, programs for emerging infectious diseases, immunization initiatives, and others. Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

"President Trump and Elon Musk are selling out Wisconsin families and communities, threatening our health and safety just to pay for unnecessary tax cuts for their billionaire friends. Slashing funding for critical services like the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, local public health departments, and substance abuse prevention will cause irreparable harm. This reckless move by the Trump Administration, coupled with cuts to vital medical research and threats to the future of Medicaid and Medicare, will have a devastating impact on the health of our state."

Programs affected by the cuts include:

- The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;
- 988 crisis county connection services;
- Local substance abuse prevention programs;
- Community health workers;
- Access to fentanyl test strip kits;
- Peer-run respites and recovery centers;
- Local public health departments and efforts to improve information infrastructure;
- Efforts to strengthen local EMS responses to local public health crises;
- Public health laboratories;
- Wisconsin Immunization Registry;
- Regional crisis stabilization facilities; and



Other key priorities designed to improve health statewide.

Rep. Subeck represents the 79th Assembly District, and serves as Chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus.

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