December 7, 2018

Governor Scott Walker

115 East, State Capitol

Governor Walker,

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of my constituents in the 81st Assembly District, but also as a fellow Wisconsinite, to respectfully urge you to veto Senate Bills (SB) 883, 884, and 886, the bills that passed our legislature in a rushed extraordinary session earlier this week.

As a legislator, I have heard over and over from voters in my district that they are sick and tired of seeing us fight amongst ourselves instead of working for them. My constituents have made it very clear that they want Republicans and Democrats to move past our party labels and work together to find compromise on the issues that matter to them. The election results this November were no accident. Our fellow citizens chose a politically divided government because they want a politically divided government that has no choice but to cooperate. These bills will only make that more difficult, and they directly contradict what the voters chose in November.

Our state’s founders put into place governmental checks and balances based on the will of the people and the responsibility of legislators to work together with incoming leaders to address our shared problems. I know our parties are capable of working together, but the bills before you will severely weaken those checks and balances and permanently damage our government’s relationship with the citizens we represent, not to mention the trust between the legislative and executive branches.

At a time of such bitter partisan politics, leadership means rising above petty fights to find common ground. You still have the power to choose a legacy that values our state more than our politics. I strongly encourage you to do so and veto these extraordinary session bills in their entirety. The people of our state will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Dave Considine

State Representative

81st Assembly District