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## **Rep. Considine Statement on Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling**

**Madison** – Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court blocked Governor Tony Evers from issuing additional public health emergency orders without legislative approval. The Fabick v. Evers ruling eliminates the current public health emergency and statewide mask mandate. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued this statement following the ruling:

“Governor Evers spent the past year working on behalf of Wisconsin as he issued the public health emergencies and distributed millions of dollars to businesses and communities who need it most. I am glad we had a public health advocate in our Governor this past year. This pandemic is worldwide and has lasted a year, not just 60 days.”

“The consequences of today’s ruling are great. They aren’t limited to the current public health emergency. This ruling may also keep Wisconsin’s neediest from receiving \$50 million in federal food assistance each month. Without legislative action, we will be neglecting the low-income families who have trouble putting food on the table.”

“I hope the Legislature meets and approves a public health emergency in the coming days to avoid this loss. However, in the past year there have been only a few bipartisan COVID-19 relief bills. Instead of playing politics we all need to come together to work with public health advocates to ensure the success of our businesses and communities.”

“While the statewide mask mandate is no longer in effect, today’s ruling doesn’t impact local orders. Please continue to wear your mask, monitor cases in your area, and get vaccinated. By doing these little things, we can protect one another and ourselves. We are in this together.”

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