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Evers Vetoes Bill Allowing Family, Clergy Visits

Madison - Governor Evers vetoed a bill overwhelmingly supported by the public and on both sides of the aisle which allows family and clergy to physically visit a person in a hospital or long-term care facility who is in need of support during a public health emergency, subject to public safety protocols.

Representative Chuck Wichgers authored [Assembly Bill 418](#), and issued the following statement:

“Those who are sick or elderly are particularly vulnerable during a public health crisis. Families across Wisconsin experienced heartbreaking situations when they were unable to physically comfort or talk to their loved one during the pandemic.

One of the lessons we learned is that social isolation can have devastating consequences, and going forward, we need to heed this science. For patients left alone, especially those who are facing death, the inability to receive physical and spiritual comfort – including last rites – is an example of overbearing state control.

The Governor was wrong to veto the ‘No Patient Left Alone Act.’ The bill struck a sensible balance between public safety and human dignity.”

The bill was co-authored in the Senate by Sen. André Jacque (New Franken) and supported by the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Wisconsin Assisted Living Association, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, and Wisconsin Health Care Association Inc.

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