



DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## Democrats Committed to a Responsive Government

MADISON — Today, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) took action on multiple state agencies (DSPS, DOC, DOJ, DOA) that have immense impacts on state government operations and our state’s workforce. JFC Democrats voted in favor of Governor Evers’ plan to cultivate safe and healthy communities that will support working families in our state.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has successfully addressed licensing backlogs with the help of Governor Evers’ allocation of federal funds for additional staff positions. Today, Republicans on JFC introduced a plan that would significantly decrease staff from current levels, once again forcing our state agencies to do more with less.

After today’s executive session, the Democratic members of the Joint Finance Committee issued the following statement:

“JFC Democrats remain committed to meeting the needs of the people. We proposed much-needed investments to ensure our state government continues to efficiently serve Wisconsinites.”

“For years, Republicans have refused to fully fund our state agencies to allow them to function properly, and today was no different. While Republicans are focused on internal political battles, they lose sight of what really matters: investing in programs that Wisconsinites rely on to work and thrive.”

“We will continue to advocate for reliable investments to ensure Wisconsinites can depend on their government to serve them.”

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