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## Senator Nass Calls for Immediate Session of the Legislature to Block Evers' Power Grab

New Emergency Declaration is Illegal and Unnecessary

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) issued the following statement in response to Governor Tony Evers new emergency declaration (Executive Order 82) that allows for the Governor and DHS Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm to issue dictatorial public health edicts. The first order issued is a statewide face mask mandate.

"I am calling on Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald to immediately call the Legislature back into session to pass a joint resolution ending Governor Evers' new illegal and unnecessary emergency declaration. The Legislature is empowered to end any emergency declaration issued by a Governor through the simple passage of a joint resolution that doesn't require the Governor's approval.

Governor Evers actions today are nothing more than a political stunt to create a partisan fight with the Legislature. This is not about improving public health. Today's emergency declaration is all about the November election and the weak performance of Democrats in this state.

Since March, the actions of Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm have solidified both of them as the two least trustful people that have served in state government in my entire time in the Legislature. I can't legally or morally trust either of these individuals with emergency powers."

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