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Evers and Palm Issue Another Illegal and Unenforceable Order

Mass gathering order is about Covid-19 politics – not public health.

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) issued the following statement in response to mass gathering limitations (Emergency Order #3) issued by Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm through November 6, 2020. The new order is issued under Governor Tony Evers' dubious emergency declaration that currently allows for the Governor and DHS Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm to issue dictatorial public health edicts. The first order issued was a statewide face mask mandate.

"There are three people responsible for the constitutional crisis that now grips state government, they are Governor Tony Evers, DHS Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos.

Evers and Palm are now openly abusing the rule of law for politically motivated purposes relating to the November election. Assembly Speaker Vos continues to enable the illegal conduct of this administration by blocking the Legislature from meeting to put an end to the improper emergency declaration and emergency orders issued under it.

For the fourth time, 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' 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.

Today's mass gathering order is the first attempt at creating shutdown conditions in Wisconsin. If Evers and Palm are not stopped now, the damage to Wisconsin families and businesses will lead to irreversible social and economic consequences."

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