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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

SUPREME COURT RULES ON EMERGENCY ORDERS

Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a long-awaited ruling on Governor Evers' ability to issue consecutive emergency orders for the same emergency.

Justice Brian Hagedorn issued the majority opinion on the 4-3 decision, concluding "that the state of emergency proclaimed in Executive Order #105 exceeded the Governor's powers and is therefore unlawful."

Our forefathers had the vision to create a system that maintains a separation of powers between the three branches of government – today's ruling was a prime example of how our government is supposed to work.

The Legislature and the Governor disagreed on how the law should be interpreted and the courts stepped in with their clarification.

This is a big win for constitutionalists and a landmark decision that will protect the separation of powers in Wisconsin for years to come.

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LISTENING SESSION PAST AND FUTURE

On Saturday, I held my second round of listening sessions in Florence, Dunbar, Stephenson, and Oconto Falls.

On Tuesday, I held my third round of listening sessions in Crandon, White Lake, Antigo, and Merrill.

REMINDER: The Joint Committee on Finance (budget writing committee) will be holding a public hearing in Rhinelander at the Hodag Dome on April 21st at 10AM.

These public hearings are crucial when it comes to writing the state's biennial budget - let's make sure northern Wisconsin is heard.

If you aren't comfortable attending the public hearing in Rhinelander, JFC will be holding a virtual public hearing on April 28th.

Those interested in the budget process can go to the JFC [website](#) for budget input and public hearing information.

For people wishing to submit comments on the budget, the committee will be using the same email address that has been available in the past: Budget.Comments@legis.wisconsin.gov

PBM & COCKTAILS-TO-GO SIGNED INTO LAW

On Friday, the Governor signed two of my bills into law.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are businesses that administer and manage prescription drug benefits. PBMs play a crucial role in the prescription drug supply chain, including influencing pricing and drug selection. Despite this role, some PBM practices actually make it more difficult for patients to get the medications they need at a reasonable price, and inflict undue harm on pharmacies, which in turn also negatively affects patients.

This law will go a long way in helping small pharmacies stay in business and continue to serve our communities and our constituents, and ultimately best serve the patients.

Cocktails-To-Go will allow bars and restaurants the ability to sell cocktails in tamper-evident sealed containers with their carry-out orders.

Our hospitality industry has been one of the hardest hit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing shutdown, and we're really feeling it in rural Wisconsin. Cocktails-To-Go is another tool in the toolbox to help our local bars and restaurants weather this storm.

