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Governor Tony Evers
Room 115 East
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Secretary Designee Dawn Crim
Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Governor Evers and Secretary Designee Crim,

One of the primary responsibilities of the Department of Safety and Professional Services is the approval of plan reviews. Expedient approval of plan reviews is vital for the health and safety of our communities as well as the continued vitality of our development industries.

As legislators, we frequently field a variety of concerns from our constituents. Lately there has been a concerning trend of business owners from within our districts reaching out and relaying their challenges with receiving timely plan reviews. Many individuals have relayed stories of having to pay an expedited plan review fee for every plan submission given the exorbitant wait times they are faced with for approval. Delays in plan reviews result in delays to projects, additional project costs, and frustration for the consumers of the projects.

We are very concerned with the Department's inability to provide timely plan reviews to our constituents. Multiple Senators within our caucus have reached out to the Department seeking answers as to how they plan to address the current issues in the plan review process. We look forward to a response dictating how the Department plans to ameliorate the situation.

Sincerely,

Senator Dan Feyen

Senator Roger Roth

Senator Devin Lemahieu

Senator Chris Kapenga

Senator Dale Kooyenga