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Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu Room 211 South State Capitol Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Devin LeMahieu.

On behalf of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I urge the State Senate to meet on Thursday, April 11, 2024, the last general-business floorperiod, to take action on several outstanding bipartisan proposals.

During the 2023-24 legislative session, the State Assembly passed many strong, bipartisan proposals to address issues facing Wisconsinites. While Republicans and Democrats do not agree on every issue, we should build upon the collaborative work where consensus was found and present those bills to Governor Evers to be signed into law. The State Senate should not be a roadblock to progress in Wisconsin.

I urge you to schedule the following bills for a vote during the State Senate's last general-business floorperiod. The bills listed below passed the State Assembly by either a voice vote or with near-unanimous support, with both Democratic and Republican votes. There is simply no good reason these bills should fail in the State Senate because of Republican inaction.

- ➤ Assembly Bill 37
- ➤ Assembly Bill 51
- ➤ Assembly Bill 102
- ➤ Assembly Bill 129
- ➤ Assembly Bill 176

- ➤ Assembly Bill 419
- ➤ Assembly Bill 470
- ➤ Assembly Bill 567
- ➤ Assembly Bill 615
- ➤ Assembly Bill 979

Together, we can push these important proposals across the finish line, effecting positive change in Wisconsin and making our state safer, stronger, and more prosperous for all who reside here. The State Senate has unfinished business remaining, and I call on you to schedule these bills for a vote on Thursday, April 11.

In Service,

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## Bills requested to be scheduled with their relating clauses:

- <u>Assembly Bill 37</u> Relating to: expungement of records of certain crimes and discrimination based on expunged conviction.
- <u>Assembly Bill 51</u> Relating to: appointment of certain lawfully present aliens as law enforcement officers.
- <u>Assembly Bill 102</u> Relating to: reducing the eligibility threshold to claim the veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit.
- <u>Assembly Bill 129</u> Relating to: sexual assault by a health care provider and providing a penalty.
- <u>Assembly Bill 176</u> Relating to: permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.
- <u>Assembly Bill 419</u> Relating to: creating an online, interactive carbon calculator for farmers.
- <u>Assembly Bill 470</u> Relating to: an incumbent transmission facility owner's right to construct, own, and maintain certain transmission facilities and Public Service Commission procedures if the transmission facility is a regionally cost-shared transmission line.
- Assembly Bill 567 Relating to: transmitting and canvassing absentee ballots, use of central counting
  locations, election night reporting, whistleblower protection for municipal clerks, notifications and
  verifications concerning citizenship status, court determinations of incompetency and ineligibility to
  vote, and providing a penalty.
- <u>Assembly Bill 615</u> Relating to: creating a task force on missing and murdered African American women and girls.
- <u>Assembly Bill 979</u> Relating to: a human trafficking victim services grant program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.