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## **Rep. Crowley Statement Regarding the Public Hearing on Assembly Bill 48 the “Blue Lives Matter” Proposal**

MADISON, WI – State Representative David Crowley (D-Milwaukee), Chair of the Milwaukee Delegation, made the following statement in response to a public hearing being held today, in the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, regarding AB 48, the “Blue Lives Matter” proposal:

“I would like to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for the law enforcement profession and the thousands of men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve the community. Unfortunately, the bill that is before us today has little to do with ensuring the safety of our law enforcement officers and more to do with furthering the racial and political divide in Wisconsin.

“Nationally, “Blue Lives Matter” has been a responsive effort pitted against the implication that police could do more to help communities of color. Moreover, the political and racial rhetoric associated with the stolen and replicated slogan, insinuates that blacks are responsible for law enforcement deaths. This is insulting to me and to the community that I represent. Elevating an occupation to the same level of protection as a race, religion, color, or disability is unconscionable and a step in the wrong direction. We should be focusing on improving community and police relations which actually would make everyone in our community safer, including law enforcement officers.”

The Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety will be holding a public hearing on “Blue Lives Matter” today at 10am in Room 412 East of the State Capitol.

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