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“No Vacancy”- Less Incarceration. Smart Criminal Justice Reform

MADISON –Following the success of his November 2017 presentation titled “Inmate 501” and subsequent bipartisan legislative solutions that followed, State Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) conducted a policy briefing today to legislators, staff, and members of the public regarding ways to reduce crime in Wisconsin and initiatives to reduce the State’s prison population.

The briefing included an analysis of up to date data from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, an examination of successful programs, reforms adopted in conservative states across the country, and a discussion of possible legislative solutions.

Special guests joining the presentation were Reggie Moore from the City of Milwaukee’s Office of Violence Prevention and Molly Collins and Sean Wilson from the ACLU of Wisconsin.

The information presented is contained in the work *No Vacancy*, written by Rep. Goyke and available at: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/18/goyke/no-vacancy/>

Following the briefing at the State Capitol Rep. Goyke commented, “I am very proud of the work done last session on juvenile corrections and today I return with the same message for adult corrections: Wisconsin’s corrections system is currently on an unsustainable path. Our prisons are overflowing and we must act swiftly to avoid major future expenses. In conjunction, these cost savings must be used to reinvest in our communities to reduce crime.

We are quickly approaching a major decision point –Do we build more prisons and/or send inmates to out of state institutions at a high cost to taxpayers or do we institute reform? I will continue to make the case for reform. This can be done in a smart way that will benefit our corrections system, save tax payer dollars, reduce crime, and increase public safety.

To solve these issues requires leadership and a legislative solution. I stand ready to work with my colleagues on how to increase public safety and solve the ongoing crises in our correctional system.”

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