KLEEFISCH COMMENDS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS

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Today Representatives Jim Steineke (Assembly Majority Leader), Pat Snyder, Treig Pronschinske, and Jesse Rodriguez circulated four bills to combat homelessness in Wisconsin. In response, Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch issued the following statement:

"Solving homelessness in the lives of real people takes a team approach, with the support of family, friends, employers, and social services. Tackling homelessness as a policy matter also requires a team, and I'm pleased leaders in the Legislature are stepping forward and showing their commitment to ensuring dignity and opportunity for every Wisconsinite. I commend the Majority Leader and the bill sponsors for their work to find solutions for individuals and families across our state who experience homelessness. This package of bills draws on the same core principles that animate my interest in this issue: common sense, collaboration between agencies, and a commitment to intensive wrap-around services to get people on their feet again."

These four bills complement several initiatives related to homelessness in the Governor's budget, including significant new resources for homeless shelters that serve families and for the Opening Avenues to Reentry Success (OARS) program for offenders reentering society at the conclusion of their prison term.