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Governor's Plan Misses Mark

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement in reaction to the reopening plan released by Governor Evers today:

“In the echoes of the public outcry on main streets in every corner of Wisconsin, Governor Evers finally released his plan for reopening our state’s economy,” said Rep. Nygren. “This announcement by Governor Evers illustrates that he admits he went too far and did so without direction or any plan.”

“Last week I told Governor Evers that Wisconsin citizens were looking for a lighthouse in the fog,” said Rep. Nygren. “Unfortunately, today’s plan misses the mark and does nothing to ease the minds and hearts of thousands of unemployed Wisconsinites. In fact, it will prolong this economic crisis.”

“The Governor’s plan calls for 85,000 tests a week, but Wisconsin has only done 51,102 tests since the start of the public health emergency,” said Rep. Nygren. “How does the Governor plan on increasing testing capacity so significantly? Is there enough demand to even reach 85,000 tests per week? Currently, Wisconsin has the capacity for 7,238 tests a day, yet only 1,433 tests were reported today. The Governor’s administration even admitted that demand for current testing is nowhere near the 7,238 in capacity they have currently. So, why the need for 85,000 a week? This plan leaves more questions than answers.”

“At the press conference today, the Governor gave no answers to when his benchmarks would be met, giving no clear direction at all. Where are the metrics and targets he is tracking to get us to the point of reopening? I strongly encourage Governor Evers to go back to the drawing board and come back with a workable plan that provides hope and relief to the people of Wisconsin. Far too many people are struggling, left in the turbulent wake of Governor Evers’s policies.”

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