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Rep. Sanfelippo Calls on Governor Evers to Follow President Biden's Advice

MADISON, Wis. – On June 15th, 2021, only a few short weeks ago, Representative Joe Sanfelippo (R-New Berlin) requested Governor Evers take action and send the WI National Guard to Milwaukee to restore safety.

The Governor has failed to take action, and the problem continues to worsen.

The following week on June 22nd, 2021, the Milwaukee Police Association issued a press release indicating that crime in Milwaukee is up more than 45% from last year. Homicides are up 1% over last year's record level. Rapes are up 24%. Robberies are up 21%. Thefts are up 42%. Motor vehicle thefts are up a staggering 194%, and many of the vehicle thefts result in reckless driving throughout the city and have also led to crashes, injuries and fatalities on nearly a daily basis. Not to mention the owner of a vehicle losing their car.

The sad fact is anyone living, working, visiting or simply just driving through Milwaukee is at risk of becoming a crime victim.

Recognizing that crime in cities across the country is out of control and reaching epidemic proportions, President Biden declared last week that \$350B in Covid-19 Relief Funds can be used to hire more law enforcement personnel.

Governor Evers has sole discretion on spending more than \$2B in federal Covid-19 relief funds.

"I am requesting the Governor dedicate \$500M to protect innocent, law-abiding citizens. He can do so by ensuring those funds are directed toward programs that help cities throughout Wisconsin hire more law enforcement personnel," Sanfelippo said.

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