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Finance Co-Chairs Announce Confidentiality Resolution

[Madison, WI] - On Thursday, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance authorized counsel for the Committee to sign the confidentiality agreement that Attorney General Kaul demanded for complying with the law. The Co-Chairs said in a statement:

"Despite the Attorney General's obvious efforts to undermine state law, the Committee on Joint Finance has authorized counsel to sign the confidentiality agreement proposed by the Attorney General. The Attorney General's demand is contrary to his prior practice - including when discussing settlements with the governor - and is an obvious effort to undermine the law by delaying the committee's work.

This action should resolve the Attorney General's confidentiality concerns, and he should send over all of the relevant settlement information for review. The Committee stands ready to review and approve any settlements that are in the state's interest."

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