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Rep. Wichgers Backs Legal Efforts to Preserve Medical Freedom on UW Campuses

Madison, WI – State Representative Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego) said Thursday he supports filing a lawsuit to force the University of Wisconsin System to follow state law. UW System Interim President Tommy Thompson announced late last month the UW System would ignore state law and not submit rules to be approved legislatively by the Joint Committee of Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR), instead going forward with its own Covid-19 policies independent of legislative review.

“I have been contacted by constituents – students, parents of students, and others – who object to UW Covid-19 mandates. As a state agency, and in effect the UW is a state agency, I support Sen. Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) and Adam Neylon (R-Pewaukee) in their request that legal action be taken against the UW.

“This is about two fundamentally important issues: the heavy hand of government and the refusal of the UW system to follow the law. I will fight to make sure we remain free against the overbearing power of government.”

227.26 Legislative review after promulgation; joint committee for review of administrative rules.

(1) DEFINITION. In this section, "rule" means all or any part of a rule which has taken effect as provided under s. 227.22 (2).

(2) REVIEW OF RULES BY COMMITTEE.

(a) Purpose. The joint committee for review of administrative rules shall promote adequate and proper rules, statements of general policy and interpretations of statutes by agencies and an understanding upon the part of the public respecting the rules, statements and interpretations.

(b) Requirement for promulgation. If the committee determines that a statement of policy or an interpretation of a statute meets the definition of a rule, it may direct the agency to promulgate the statement or interpretation as an emergency rule under s. 227.24 (1) (a) within 30 days after the committee's action.

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