



December 7, 2018

Governor Scott Walker
Office of the Governor
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Governor Walker,

This message is to call on you to veto the three extraordinary session bills passed earlier this week, or at least wherever possible to use your partial veto to remove provisions you had vetoed yourself when presented as part of the current state budget (2017 Act 59).

The criticisms of the lame duck session can be read in the headlines and perspectives from news sources, editorial boards, and opinion writers around the state and nationally from all political persuasions. This is in addition to the opposition and concerns voiced by the people of Wisconsin themselves, through perhaps one of the most lopsided public hearings I've witnessed in my entire legislative career, registrations, and direct advocacy to both legislators and, I presume, your office as well. As you know, I share their concerns and I opposed these proposals.

However, my request is more simple. I only ask that you be consistent as you approach these bills. You had previously vetoed a number of identical or essentially identical provisions earlier this session when you were presented with the state budget. Your own veto message notes your substantial concerns with some of these provisions. It says that you "object to the limitations created," that you believe "these requirements will infringe on" state agencies' abilities to negotiate, and that you "object to the creation of unnecessary and burdensome reporting requirements."

If you believed these provisions would have unduly or unnecessarily constrained the operations of your office and administration, how could you support their inclusion in these proposals now? Indeed, it would be the height of hypocrisy for you to say that you believe these should not apply to you, but should apply to the successor that defeated you.

I again call on you to show integrity and be consistent regarding these lame duck proposals. Do it for the voters of this state. Do it for your own legacy. Do it because it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration. History looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter".

PETER W. BARCA
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