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State of Wisconsin Moving Forward on Census without Republican Support

Representative David Crowley (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement in response to Governor Evers Executive Order creating the 2020 United States Census Complete Count Committee:

“I am proud to have stood today with Governor Evers, Mayor Tom Barrett, and the leaders of the Greater Milwaukee Complete Count Committee as we prepare Wisconsin for the 2020 census. It is imperative that we ensure the robust and accurate accounting necessary to ensure a fair share of resources for our communities and our families.

“There are only 155 days until April 1, 2020, the nationally recognized day known as Census Day. This is the day where every household in America will have received their decennial census form. The work that we do from now until then in outreach, education efforts, and awareness is critical to the fiscal success of our state for the following decade. Each year there is over \$675 billion in federal dollars split between the states based off United States census data. For example, a George Washington University study estimated that in the 2015 Fiscal Year alone, Wisconsin lost \$76.1 million in U.S. Health and Human Services Program funding because the state’s population was undercounted during the last decennial census.

“Unfortunately, the unresponsive and unrepresentative Republican Leadership in the State Legislature has chosen to approach the census the same way they approach every issue: bury their head in the sand. While other states are spending millions of dollars, including California spending over \$100 million in census funding, the Republican Leadership has decided that no funding is necessary for Wisconsin. First, they stripped the census funding that Governor Evers proposed in his budget and now will not even hold a hearing for the stand-alone funding that I independently introduced.

“But the census is too important to let the inaction of the state legislature to stop us from ensuring an accurate count. Whether it is federal funding over the next decade, redistricting and reapportionment, or critical data for our Wisconsin business partners, the census affects every citizen of the great State of Wisconsin. I applaud the work that Governor Evers, our local elected officials and community leaders state-wide are doing to ensure that Wisconsin does not get left behind when it comes to the 2020 census.”

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