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Will Rep. Vruwink Submit to Dem Party Strong-Arm?

MADISON – After Governor Evers vetoed legislation that would’ve brought much needed relief to communities and elderly Wisconsinites throughout the state, the Assembly will attempt to right that wrong by holding a veto override vote on [Assembly Bill 76](#) while on the floor tomorrow. Rep. Don Vruwink (D-Milton) supported the legislation last year when it passed the Assembly with 66 votes, the two-thirds majority needed for a veto override. Tomorrow’s vote will force Rep. Vruwink to decide whether he will once again support the bill, or abandon his constituents and fall in line behind his party.

“Rural Wisconsin has been hit especially hard by the CNA shortage; it is not a stretch to say that literal lives are on the line,” said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna), who scheduled the veto override. “I encourage Rep. Vruwink to again vote to do what’s right by his constituents, and not yield to strong-arming that would turn him from a representative to a party puppet.”

AB 76 aims to reduce the shortage of CNAs by changing Wisconsin’s training hour requirements to match federal standards. The change would make the certification more attainable and put Wisconsin on a level playing field with neighboring states that also utilize the federal standard, while not sacrificing quality of care for our elderly and disabled. The bill garnered not only bipartisan support, but also the backing of a [wide variety of caregiver groups](#) around the state.

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