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Leader Steineke: State Court finds Overreach, Legislature Seeks Collaborative Approach to COVID-19

Kaukauna – Late today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court found that Governor Evers’ Department of Health Services does not have the authority to mandate the closure of businesses, churches, or other facets within our communities without consent or input from the legislative branch. After today’s ruling, Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) issued the following statement:

“Instead of coming together to work on a plan for all of Wisconsin like we repeatedly called for, tonight’s ruling only shows that Governor Evers and his administration overreached under the law and is being told to play by the rules.

“As legislative Republicans have said all along, all Wisconsin businesses are essential, as are the families they support in our communities. As we now move to join the many other states who don’t have shelter in place orders in effect, I would encourage those planning to open the doors for the first time to be proactive and smart about finding ways to safely open their businesses. Further, I would encourage small businesses in our region to utilize the commonsense [guidance made available by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) for ensuring a safe workplace.

“Finally, as we continue to move forward, I would like to again invite Governor Evers to join us in collaborating on solutions as we work to develop new COVID-related policies that work for all of us.”

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