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REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON STATE SUPREME COURT RULING ON SAFER AT HOME ORDER

"The decision is a total disaster, but yet not surprising. Legislative Republicans and their marionette Court demonstrated again that they will strike down decades old law when a Governor they don't like uses the powers under that law. Even if it risks the lives of the Wisconsin residents they serve.

"A global pandemic should not be about politics. The Safer at Home order was put in place as a vital public safety measure to protect families across Wisconsin in the midst of a global pandemic. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the Evers Administration has operated with the consultation of the top health experts in the state, always with an eye on slowing the spread of the virus and protecting the most vulnerable among us. The state was meeting the public health benchmarks and had a plan to responsibly reopen. Today's decision is reckless and risks undoing that progress.

"While the Wisconsin Supreme Court did not act in the best interest of the state today, it does not mean we should stop acting in the best interest of each other. No court decision can alter the fact that we remain in a public health emergency and, together, we can maintain the spirit of the Safer at Home order in our daily lives. No court decision can stop you from practicing social distancing. And no court decision can stop you from limiting your movements, whenever possible, to essential trips.

"Despite this setback, I am confident the Evers Administration will continue leading with decision-making based on science and with the greater public good in mind. The governor's plans acknowledge that we cannot improve the economic hardships people are experiencing if we do not address the immediate public health crisis. I am committed to working with the Administration and Legislative leaders as soon as possible to pass rules that protect the public and safely continue to reopen our economy."

