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Statement: State Supreme Court Ruling

Madison, WI... Representative Loren Oldenburg (R-Viroqua) released the following statement after the State Supreme Court made its ruling in *Wisconsin Legislature v. Andrea Palm*, declaring Emergency Order 28 unenforceable.

"This evening the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Secretary-Designee Palm of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services did not have the authority to extend the Safer at Home order beyond the 60 days of the Governor's emergency powers.

Legislative leadership and the Governor will be meeting to discuss the moving the State of Wisconsin forward in a safe manner. As of right now our local health departments have the authority to implement their own rules.

I believe that our businesses can safely reopen by using the <u>guidelines from the Wisconsin</u> <u>Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)</u>. The guidelines provided by WEDC will help our businesses open in a safe way.

I ask that everyone please remain patient as we begin to open Wisconsin in a safe way. Please continue to follow CDC guidelines like social distancing, frequent handwashing and not touching your face while in public. The court ruling does not promote people to act in ways that can endanger their health."

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