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Representative Stafsholt's Statement on Hunter Safety Shutdown

NEW RICHMOND, Wis. - State Representative Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) released the following statement regarding Governor Evers cancelling all in-person hunter education courses:

"As Chairman of the Committee on Sporting Heritage in the State Assembly, I am greatly concerned that Governor Evers has cancelled all in-person hunter education courses throughout the state. This will directly impact those kids, and other sportsmen and women, who want to head out in the field to enjoy Wisconsin's fantastic natural resources by hunting this fall.

"Hunting is a key part of our Wisconsin heritage, it is often passed down from one generation to the next. To cancel these courses takes away that right from those families. Businesses across the state have been reopening safely and using WEDC guidelines. Our great local instructors can adapt if need be and are able to provide a safe learning experience for students who want to be outside recreating.

"I am calling on Governor Evers to reverse his decision and allow these courses to proceed. There is no reason to think that the Department of Natural Resources cannot work with local governments and instructors to provide this curriculum safely and open up opportunities to increase our sporting heritage. I will be closely watching this issue and how it is handled by the Governor and his administration, including DNR Secretary Preston Cole in the coming months."

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