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ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON JUSTICE REFORM

Letter to Governor Evers reiterates request for proactive steps on reform

MADISON – Today, Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) and members of the Assembly Democratic Caucus sent [a letter](#) to Governor Evers in support of the Legislative Black Caucus' request for a special session to enact justice reform legislation. Representative Hintz released the following statement on the letter and the call for a special session:

"I fully support and join my friends and colleagues in the Legislative Black Caucus in calling for a special session to pass meaningful criminal justice reform. This moment in our state and nation's history requires action. The killing of George Floyd, at the hands of four Minneapolis Police officers, made clear that it is beyond time we confront our mistakes of the past. In order to make the necessary, fundamental changes in our society to address the underlying issues that have allowed systemic racism to permeate in our communities, the legislature must meet to take on these challenges.

"This session, Assembly Democrats have introduced proactive proposals aimed at fixing inequities in our current system. 45 states have recently enacted some measure of criminal justice reform policies to create better outcomes, reduce prison populations, and address racial disparities in our justice system. It's time Wisconsin join this nationwide, bipartisan effort.

"I also want to express my gratitude to the Legislative Black Caucus for their leadership and their commitment to meaningful change during this historic time in our state."

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