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Rep. Duchow Statement on COVID-19 Relief Legislation

Madison, WI – Yesterday, the Wisconsin State Senate passed an amended version of Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1) relating to COVID-19 relief. Representative Cindi Duchow (R- Delafield) released the following statement in regards to the Senate action:

"To my dismay, the Senate voted to give unelected bureaucrats the ability to close schools, businesses and places of worship, and removed many important provisions that protect individual rights, such as the prohibition on mandatory vaccinations.

"With its actions yesterday, the Wisconsin Senate sided with Governor Evers over their constituents. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have said that we trust people to be put in charge of their own health and that includes the decision to get vaccinated. Our constituents have been demanding to be put back in charge of their own lives, and the Senate failed to listen. To say that I am disappointed with the Senate would be an understatement.

"The original version of AB 1 was a strong bill that, in addition to providing much needed funds to fight the pandemic, gave Wisconsinites relief from the endless list of restrictions put on them by this governor. Instead of passing this bill as is, the Senate concluded that unelected public health officials should continue to control the lives of Wisconsinites, at the expense of individual freedoms.

"I look forward to working with my Assembly Republican colleagues to promote real <u>conservative</u> reforms that help keep Wisconsinites healthy and will move Wisconsin forward into recovery from the COVID- 19 pandemic."

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Representative Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District which includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.