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**Sen. Roys Statement on Sen. Nass's "More COVID" Agenda**

**MADISON** - Today, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) engaged in another abuse of power -- this time, attempting to bar UW Systems from taking basic steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on UW campuses. While their actions may well be struck down by courts as an overreach, it sends a chilling message to students, faculty, staff, and the community at large, that Republicans want to make it as easy as possible for dangerous new variants to spread.

Sen. Kelda Roys (D-Madison) issued the following statement in response to the GOP's actions:

*"Steve Nass is again abusing the administrative rule process -- this time to thwart the University of Wisconsin's ability to keep campuses open and safe in the face of the pandemic and the new surge of the dangerous Delta variant. Nass apparently believes that he gets to act as some sort of 'super Governor,' exercising a preemptive veto over anything a public entity might do, including UW Systems. His power grabs continue to undermine our democracy and put our security at risk.*

*"Legislative Republicans sat idly by for nearly a year, refusing to lift a finger to help stop the spread of COVID or address the economic devastation it caused. Now, they're doing something even worse -- abusing their positions to ensure that the virus spreads faster, by discouraging vaccination and masking and taking legally dubious steps to stop reasonable mitigation practices.*

*"Get vaccinated and wear a mask indoors -- we all need to protect ourselves and each other, and prevent this virus from mutating further and killing even more people."*

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