



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary

April 30, 2019

Mr. Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Room 208
Madison, WI 53703

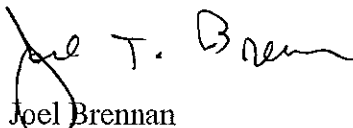
Mr. Jeff Renk, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Senate
17 West Main Street, 4th Floor, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Messrs. Fuller and Renk:

In accordance with s. 16.548, Wis. Stats., please find enclosed the quarterly report for the Wisconsin Federal-State Relations Office (Office). This report contains information on the activities of the Office and the status of federal legislation of concern to the State of Wisconsin for the first quarter of calendar year 2019.

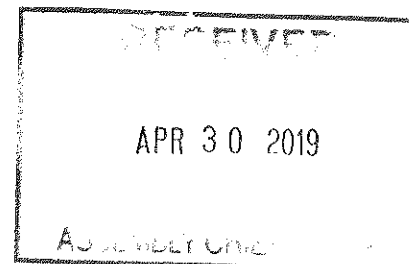
Please contact me if you have any questions about the report.

Sincerely,


Joel Brennan
Secretary

cc: Governor Tony Evers

Enclosure



State of Wisconsin
Washington, D.C. Federal Relations Office
Quarterly Report
January 1 – March 31, 2019

As Governor Evers' new administration took shape and priorities were being established, staffing the DC office was of top importance to ensure that the Governor and the State were represented at the Federal level.

The Governor did visit DC before the office was officially staffed as part of the Winter National Governors Association (NGA) meeting February 22-24. During that trip, Governor Evers participated in several NGA discussions around the Chair's Initiative: Good Jobs for all Americans, Criminal Justice Reform, Education Innovation, and Medicaid Expansion. The Governor also attended meetings to receive organizational updates from NGA, as well as the Democratic Governors Association. The Governor met with several industry leaders and national news outlets and attended an event at the White House with President Trump, rounding out a busy two-day trip to DC.

Before coming on board, the DC Director was able to meet with key members of the Governor's cabinet including representatives from DHS, DATCP, DWD, DVA and the Tourism department in Madison. She also met with Senator Tammy Baldwin's State Director and Congressman Mark Pocan's District Director.

The DC office prioritized establishing relationships with key delegation and administration officials since starting officially on March 18. The office met with the Chief of Staff from Senator Baldwin's and Senator Johnson's office, as well as with Representative Grothman's, Moore's, Pocan's, and Sensenbrenner's offices. Meetings with the rest of the delegation offices were confirmed for the following quarter. The DC Director also met with USDA, the Department of Education, and the White House offices of intergovernmental affairs and worked to build meaningful relationships with these offices to further the priorities of the Governor.

The DC office also began to work with the National Governors Association on key policy issues in a commitment to remain active with the organization and representing Wisconsin. Rural broadband, WOTUS, PIAAC, healthcare and infrastructure were among policy briefings attended by the DC Director.

As Chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers, Governor Evers' continued his leadership in protecting the Great Lakes. The DC office participated in planning calls with the organization for their summer conference, which will be held in Milwaukee in June 2019.