



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor  
Joel Brennan, Secretary

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Mr. Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53703

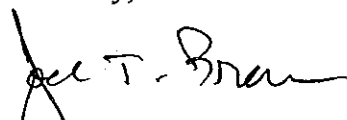
Mr. Jeff Renk, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Senate  
B20 South East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

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 third 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  
July 1 – September 30, 2019

This quarter began with preparation for and travel to the National Governors Association annual summer meeting, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. While there, Governor Evers attended several plenary sessions and Governor's Only Meetings, and met with international representatives from Japan and Canada, and several industry leaders. The Director attended launch events for the NGA's Outdoor Recreation Learning Network, a new group within the NGA designed for states, such as Wisconsin's newly created Office of Outdoor Recreation, to share best practices and provide support. The Director additionally met with several different business leaders and scheduled follow up with several partners once back in DC.

The DC Director also traveled back to Madison this quarter. Spending time in Madison provided the office with a chance to meet fellow coworkers in the Governor's office as well as continue to build relationships with the state agencies. The Director sat in on over ten different agency update meetings which allowed for insights into what is happening in the agencies, to encourage them to use the DC office as a resource, and to extend invitations to each team to plan a trip to DC to meet with the federal delegation.

Several important letters were sent this quarter. Along with 16 other Governors, Governor Evers wrote to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue to voice opposition to the proposal to eliminate Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which could cause 40,000 people in Wisconsin to lose benefits. The Governor also joined with 15 other Governors to encourage strong provisions relating to PFAS-related actions in the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, continuing his strong commitment to the Year of Clean Drinking Water.

The DC office also facilitated a letter with the Governor and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson to urge Wisconsin's Congressional delegation to repeal the \$7.6 billion Federal-aid highway contract authority rescission that is scheduled to occur next summer. While the Governor invested heavily in improving Wisconsin's infrastructure through his budget, federal partnership is still needed in order to fund and protect important projects and the loss of this contract authority could be extremely detrimental.

Finally, the Director led attendees from the Governor's office to the City of Milwaukee's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Milwaukee Night in DC. This fly-in provided the office to meet with key business leaders from the Milwaukee area and further discuss important issues to Wisconsin with congressional staff and members.