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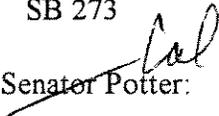Internet Address: www.state.wi.us/agencies/dpi

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The Honorable Calvin Potter
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RE: SB 273

Dear Senator Potter:

I have reviewed SB 273 which requires the review and potential revision of school district truancy plans by a county truancy planning committee. The proposed changes appear positive, while recognizing that in some communities these changes will result in increased responsibilities for some professionals. I strongly support collaborative community approaches such as this bill requires.

I am also aware of the current subcommittee on truancy created jointly by the Assembly Education and Assembly Working Families Committees. It is my understanding the subcommittees are reviewing existing and proposed truancy legislation. I would hope as SB 273 evolves, it be integrated with other truancy initiatives. Truancy is a statewide problem hindering the education of many children and I commend you for finding means to support communities in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: Luther Olsen, Chair, Assembly Education Committee
    Carol Kelso, Chair, Assembly Working Families Committee