

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary-designee

January 31, 2022

Mr. Edward Blazel, Chief Clerk Wisconsin State Assembly 17 West Main Street, Suite 401 Madison, WI 53703

Mr. Michael Queensland, Chief Clerk Wisconsin State Senate B20 Southeast, State Capitol Madison, WI 53707

Dear Messrs. Blazel and Queensland:

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 fourth quarter of calendar year 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Blumenfeld

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Kathy Blumenfeld Secretary-designee

cc: Governor Tony Evers

Enclosure

State of Wisconsin

Washington, D.C. Federal-State Relations Office

Quarterly Report

October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

As has been the case, the Governor's Office and the Department of Administration continue to maintain frequent communication with Wisconsin's federal delegation, the White House, and other federal agencies regarding the state and federal government's response to the coronavirus pandemic, ensuring our state's continued economic recovery, as well as other issues affecting our state.

As Director of the State of Wisconsin Federal-State Relations Office, Noah Roberts has been in constant communication with Wisconsin's federal partners. In addition to standard communication with members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation conducted by the Evers Administration, Noah Roberts has engaged in outreach to each member of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation. Additionally, the State Federal Director has conducted outreach and engaged with over a dozen federal agencies, continuously engaged with our partners at the National Governors Association and neighboring states, as well as other Wisconsin partners conducting business before the United States government.

Governor Evers and his administration have been actively collaborating with officials in the federal administration and Wisconsin's federal delegation regarding matters important to the State and the people of Wisconsin. This includes advocating for measures to address supply chain challenges, investments in Wisconsin infrastructure, creating family-supporting jobs, combatting the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, among numerous other issues. The Evers Administration continues to be engaged on the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and has delivered letters regarding a variety of federal matters, from Great Lakes infrastructure projects to voting rights.

Governor Evers coordinated the submission of three joint letters to Congressional Leadership and the White House requesting the swift passage of the United States Innovation and Competition Act and the Supply Chain Resiliency Act. The Governor also expressed support for the expeditious implementation of the recommendations and action items developed and published by President Biden's Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force.

In addition to rebuilding our roads, bridges, and ports, Governor Evers believes that the United States government should invest in rebuilding our country's supply chains. The Supply Chain Resiliency Act proposes creating an Office of Supply Chain Resiliency at the U.S. Department of Commerce and enabling this Office to provide targeted and strategic resources and support to bolster critical supply chains. The U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, which passed the United States Senate this past June with significant bipartisan support, contains numerous

provisions that will help support our states' short-term economic recovery while also investing in the long-term economic innovation and success of communities across America.

Lastly, Governor Evers and his administration have been in constant contact with the White House, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other federal partners to continue efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Evers Administration has worked diligently to secure additional resources, supplies, and personnel for Wisconsin.

The Evers Administration will continue its collaboration with its federal partners to ensure that the interests of the people of Wisconsin are heard, considered, and advanced by our nation's federal government in Washington, DC.