GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 15, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 316** in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit any governmental entity from "discriminating" against a person based on whether the person has received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. The bill does not define discrimination.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's continued efforts to inject partisan politics and rhetoric into public health practices by preventing public entities from working to help prevent and suppress the spread of COVID-19. As I have previously said on countless occasions, government response to this and future pandemics should be focused on following the science and the advice of public health experts to keep Wisconsinites healthy and safe. This should not be subject to the unnecessary, politically driven interference by this Legislature.

Respectfully submitted, TONY EVERS Governor