State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

April 15, 2022

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 708 in its entirety.

This bill would provide that if an employee is terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccination or for failing to provide their vaccination status, any non-compete agreement signed by the employee is per se unreasonable, and thus illegal, void, and unenforceable.

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 employers from making decisions that work for them, their customers, their workers, and their operations to help prevent and suppress the spread of COVID-19. As I have repeatedly indicated, we must be focused on following the science and the advice of public health experts, saving lives, and fighting this virus to keep Wisconsinites healthy and safe.

Respectfully submitted, TONY EVERS Governor