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MARK POCAN STATEMENT ON INCORRECT COMMENTS THAT THE JFC CORRECTIONS PACKAGE WAS NOT AN "ENTIRE" AGREEMENT

"I was disappointed to hear today that Representative Scott Suder stated the highly publicized bipartisan agreement on the Department of Corrections package made in Joint Finance was not an agreement on the entire package, but rather just on the GPS portion of the bill. That is simply not correct.

"Like all packages, there were some points that I did not fully agree with and other points that I was very please to see. However, the bottom line was that there were many points that both sides were happy to see and, in spirit of compromise, why the entire package received a 16-0 vote in Joint Finance.

"To now say that our agreement was on just a portion of the package and not the entire package is incorrect and revisionist. Backing out on any piece of the package that we negotiated in good faith potentially makes the entire package fall apart like a house of cards. If the entire agreement was simply on GPS, then why would we have made concessions on other proposals in Motion 502 that the GOP did not have enough votes to remove from the Governor's budget?

"I negotiated in good faith with Representative Suder and the Governor's office and fully expect the package to remain as promised - a package."

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Note to Media: Motion 502 Attached