



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Representative Mark Pocan, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
Room 309 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53703

Senator Mark Miller, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
Room 317 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53703

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Representative Pocan and Senator Miller:

Following the ongoing revelations of continued abuse in the Wisconsin Shares program, we request that the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance direct the Department of Children and Families to appear before the committee to provide information about its plans to address these egregious instances of fraud and allegations of child endangerment.

Eight months after our request for a thorough and immediate audit of the program, we are still learning of extensive and outrageous practices in this program that are putting Wisconsin's children in danger and taking advantage of Wisconsin's taxpayers. Despite the ongoing audit and the formation of a special task force involving law enforcement at all levels to address these issues, the near constant media and investigatory reports of criminal activity in this program raise extreme concerns for accountability within Wisconsin Shares. We believe it is critical that the Department of Children and Families provide full and immediate access to information related to Wisconsin Shares in order to return fiscal responsibility and program integrity to our state's child care subsidy program.

The ongoing and shocking theft of taxpayer dollars and the newest allegations of sex offenders living in the homes of child care providers lend even greater urgency to the need for immediate and thorough resolution of these serious issues.

We thank you both for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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