

AFP-Wisconsin: Encourages Legislature to work with Evers on public defender reimbursement

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MADISON, Wis. – Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin (AFP-WI) issued the following statement after Governor-elect Evers [signaled a commitment](#) to addressing the public defender reimbursement crisis. Wisconsin's reimbursement rate for private attorneys willing to take on defendants the government cannot is the [lowest in the country](#). AFP-WI is committed to making smart reforms to the criminal justice system to improve public safety and help provide people with second chances and encouraged the legislature to work with Evers on the issue.

AFP-WI State Director Eric Bott issued the following statement:

“The Sixth Amendment is not optional. People all across the ideological spectrum can all unite to ensure Wisconsin meets its constitutional obligation to provide accused citizens, under the presumption of innocence, with access to counsel. Americans for Prosperity encourages the legislature to work with Governor-elect Evers to address this mounting due process crisis in 2019.”