

# DWD Secretary Frostman: Submits letter of support for Blackwell Job Corps Center

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MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Caleb Frostman today submitted comments to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) urging them to reconsider its closure of the Blackwell Job Corps Center located near Laona. Oversight for Civilian Conservation Centers, or Job Corps Centers, was recently transferred from the United States Department of Agriculture to USDOL, which then announced the closure of Blackwell and eight other facilities.

Secretary Frostman released the following statement:

*“Facilities like Blackwell change lives. They provide individuals who often times come from toxic situations a release from that environment and introduction to a beautiful Northern Wisconsin community where they can pursue education and vocational training at no cost. Taking this avenue away from the individuals who volunteer for the program risks leaving more young, disadvantaged youth on the sideline, and that is a risk I urge the federal government not to take.”*

Read Secretary Frostman’s complete letter of support [here](#).