

Rep. Pope: Statement on Supreme Court ruling

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MADISON, Wis. – Yesterday, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a ruling that would end Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" order. This decision is likely to jeopardize the safety, health and lives of Wisconsin citizens. The lawsuit and subsequent ruling negated a long established law giving the executive branch emergency authority in response to pandemics of communicable disease. In response, Representative Sonyd Pope released the following statement:

"It is clear to me that the majority justices on the Supreme Court are beholden to their political benefactors and not the law of the land. From the beginning of this crisis, Governor Evers' administration has acted responsibly and urgently, focusing on the well-being of the public. Meanwhile, Republican leadership continues to play opportunistic political games at the expense of our citizens' health and lives, while also putting our healthcare workers at higher risk."

"We cannot allow the sacrifices and progress we've made be in vain. No court ruling can overturn science or change the fact that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. I encourage citizens to continue taking precautions, not only for themselves but for their neighbors and community. This includes limiting travel, continuing to practice good hygiene and social distancing. I, personally plan to continue to observe the Safer at Home order."

"This setback should not diminish our resolve. Together, we must do all we can to mitigate the damage of this disease to save lives. In addition, we can simultaneously find responsible ways to start reopening our economy. Getting back to normalcy will take patience and planning. I

stand ready to work with Governor Evers and my legislative colleagues to take swift action based on science and data, and the best interests of the citizens of Wisconsin.”