

# Sen. Schachtner: Statement on coronavirus relief package

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(MADISON) – Today, Senator Patty Schachtner (D-Somerset) shared a response regarding her vote on the coronavirus relief package, Senate Bill 932:

“Legislative leadership rejected the proposals from Governor Tony Evers that had been crafted with input from those folks, like me, that are working to combat this pandemic on the ground. I voted to take this first step forward, but it is clear that Senate Bill 932 does not go far enough.

This bill doesn’t include any funding for food banks or emergency food delivery programs. It doesn’t make sure your health insurer covers telehealth services. It doesn’t provide emergency assistance to our local governments. It doesn’t support child care for front line workers. It doesn’t expand programs to support farmers and other small businesses. It doesn’t even expand broadband for rural communities at a time when we need access to information more than ever.

This bill cannot be the end of our state’s response, because the difficulties facing the people of Wisconsin certainly haven’t gone away.

I will keep fighting for our farmers that are facing the possibility of dumping milk. I will keep pushing to support our healthcare workers that are putting themselves in harm’s way. I will keep showing up to work to support our neighbors that are dealing with the repercussions of this pandemic, and I’m hopeful that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will see fit to do the same.”

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