

U.S. Rep. Steil: Cosponsors bill to keep law enforcement safe from fentanyl exposure

Posted on Friday, Jan 10, 2020

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Bryan Steil cosponsored the Providing Officers With Electronic Resources (POWER) Act.

“Today we honor our law enforcement. As I meet with our police officers, sheriffs, and first responders, issues concerning fentanyl are front of mind. We must ensure law enforcement and first responders have the tools to keep themselves safe from exposure. I will continue supporting our law enforcement in Congress,” **said Steil.**

“With the POWER Act, Congressman Steil demonstrates his continued and relentless pursuit in supporting and keeping law enforcement safe,” **said Racine County Sheriff Christopher Schmaling.**

On background:

Steil has met with every county sheriff from Wisconsin’s First Congressional District and participated in ride alongs with the Janesville and Racine Police Departments.

The POWER Act establishes a new grant program within the Department of Justice to help law enforcement agencies secure high-tech, portable chemical screening devices that assist officers in the detection of fentanyl and other dangerous drugs. With enhanced technology, law enforcement can more efficiently identify

substances while keeping them safe, and better deploy resources to combat illegal substances from entering communities.

###