

Rep. Plumer: Statement on Assembly Bill 1

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MADISON, WI – Today Representative Jon Plumer (R – Lodi) voted again in support of 2021 Assembly Bill 1. The Wisconsin State Assembly approved on a party line vote an amended version of the bill, which restored many important provisions previously removed by the Wisconsin State Senate.

“The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a serious threat to our communities and it is important that we take steps to mitigate its affect, but we must also ensure individual protections are maintained,” said Rep. Plumer. “This legislation strikes a good balance in achieving that.”

The assembly restored protections for religious freedoms by preventing state and local health officials from closing places of worship. Additionally, the legislation passed today prohibits state and local governments from mandating the COVID-19 vaccine and bars employers from requiring it as a condition of employment.

In addition to the essential protections mentioned above, the amended legislation also addresses other important issues in the fight against COVID-19 and its affects. Today’s legislation allows for properly trained dentists and pharmacy students to administer the vaccine, which will help in making sure all Wisconsinites who want the vaccine are able to get it. The amended bill also addresses issues such the unemployment backlog, business liability, and creates more flexibility for parents who wish to enroll their students in in-person classes.

“Today’s legislation is a step in the right direction when it comes to addressing the ongoing pandemic,” said Rep. Plumer. “I would urge my colleagues in the senate to pass this legislation as soon as possible and send it to the Governor for his signature.”