

# Rep. Subeck: Condemns Assembly Republicans' vote to end governor's mask order

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MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly voted on [Senate Joint Resolution 3](#) (SJR 3) to overturn Governor Tony Evers' statewide mask order. Despite COVID-19 infections continuing to rise in Wisconsin and the mask order having strong public support, Assembly Republicans passed SJR 3 anyway. In response to today's Assembly vote and subsequent legislation introduced by Legislative Democrats, Rep. Subeck (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“The fact of the matter is that masks save lives and that the lives of Wisconsinites are far less safe today because Republicans chose their political games and extreme ideology over prioritizing the health and wellbeing of our constituents. More people wearing masks translates to fewer infections, hospitalizations, and deaths from this highly contagious virus.

A statewide mask requirement has widespread support, and we all want to open schools, visit our friends, and hug our parents. At a time when we have begun vaccination and can see an end to the pandemic in reach, it is shameful that the Republicans' action today will unnecessarily delay getting back to our Wisconsin way of life.

Republicans have been spinning their wheels for weeks to repeal Governor Evers' mask requirement while simultaneously claiming that their resolution is not about masks. We aren't buying it. The vote taken today by Assembly Republicans is either about repealing the mask requirements – which is cruel and callous in and of itself – or Republicans were willing to take an action so uncaring and unkind that they put their contempt for the governor and their desire for absolute power ahead of the

health and economic stability of our communities and our state.”

Rep. Subeck has represented the 78th Assembly District since 2015 and serves as vice-chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus.