

U.S. Rep. Steil: Response to phased reopening plans for the U.S. Capitol

Posted on Tuesday, Mar 15, 2022

>> **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, DC – Today, Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01), a member of the House Administration Committee, released a statement in response to the reports for a phased reopening of the U.S. Capitol.

“The phased reopening of the United States Capitol is simply insufficient. Museums, stadiums, businesses, and workplaces across the country have successfully reopened, and the United States Capitol shouldn’t be any different. The House resolution I introduced, with the support of over 80 of my colleagues, calls for the Capitol’s reopening to be made a top priority that is done expeditiously and safely. The phased reopening and proposed Labor Day goal for fully reopening is insufficient. We need to reopen the Capitol and People’s House now.”

Background:

Yesterday, reports indicated a plan is being put in place to reopen the United States Capitol in three phases, beginning March 28, 2022 and fully reopening the complex by Labor Day. Congressman Steil recently introduced House Resolution 961 with the support of over 80 Members of Congress. The resolution calls that:

Resolved, the House of Representatives should:

1. expeditiously reopen the House wing of the United States Capitol and House Office Buildings to the public;
2. remove any restrictions to the free and open access of the public to the House wing of the United States Capitol and House Office Buildings, such as visitor logs;
3. express to the United States Capitol Police that reopening the House wing of

the United States Capitol and House Office Buildings to the American people should be prioritized; and

4. take necessary measures to ensure that the House wing of the United States Capitol and House Office Buildings remain open and safe for the public.

For full text of the resolution, click [here](#).