

Assembly Dems Class of 2023: Support more transparent legislature

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Madison, Wis. – The eight first-term Democratic Representatives, collectively the “Assembly Dems Class of 2023”, have joined together to promote increased transparency in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Currently, the Wisconsin State Legislature has exempted itself from the same open record retention requirements that exist for the rest of state and local government. The Assembly Dems Class of 2023 have all signed on to legislation proposed by Senator Chris Larson and Representative Jimmy Anderson to end this exemption. This proposal was also included in the Governor’s Budget.

“The Assembly Dems Class of 2023 join together to support increased transparency in the State Legislature. Our class has a strong local government background with over three decades of local elected service. That local government service currently comes with a higher standard for retention of documents than that of the State Legislature. We have joined together to make sure our legislative colleagues hold themselves to the same standard that we were held to in local government. We ran for office to create a more open, honest, and accountable State Legislature – this legislation is an important first step in that direction,” said the Assembly Dems Class of 2023.

Rep. Clinton Anderson (D-45 Beloit)

Rep. Mike Bare (D-80 Verona)

Rep. Ryan Clancy (D-19 Milwaukee)

Rep. Jenna Jacobson (D-43 Oregon)

Rep. Alex Joers (D-79 Middleton)

Rep. Darrin Madison (D-10 Milwaukee)

Rep. Lori Palmeri (D-54 Oshkosh)

Rep. Melissa Ratcliff (D-46 Cottage Grove)