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### **Rep. Anderson Proposes Grant Program for Spinal Cord Injury Research**

Fitchburg – Representative Jimmy Anderson released the following statement on the introduction of his new bill, co-authored by Senator Chris Larson, to appropriate \$10 million per biennium to provide grants for spinal cord injury research:

“We have within our grasp the ability to vastly improve the lives of thousands of Americans living with a spinal cord injury. In today’s day and age, the question is no longer *whether* a cure is possible, but *when* will it be found. With determination and dedication, this discovery can happen right here in Wisconsin.

“Across the country, researchers have made incredible progress, from devices that can bypass damaged spinal connections to surgery techniques that reconnect nerve endings. Unfortunately, spinal cord injury research in Wisconsin is spread too thin and is grossly underfunded.

“This legislation will make Wisconsin the premier state for spinal cord injury research. With a groundbreaking investment and a unique proposal program that will bring together our best and brightest researchers with real people affected by spinal cord injuries, I am certain huge breakthroughs are around the corner. It is past time Wisconsin joins the fight to cure paralysis.”

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