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Senator André Jacque Hails Finalized Prosecutor Allocation

Madison, WI- State Senator André Jacque (R – De Pere) released the following statement regarding today's announced distribution of the additional assistant district attorney positions previously created by Sen. Jacque and the Criminal Justice Coalition's budget request:

"I am extremely proud to have helped drive this critically needed and historic investment in public safety and victims rights. The massive shortage of prosecutors and the bi-partisan failure to address it over the past two decades has delayed healing for victims and treatment for offenders. The well-documented shortfall has resulted in significant case backlogs or inability to process cases in a timely manner, while cases have increasingly become more complex and prosecutor salaries stagnated.

More investment is still needed, but adding 65 new prosecutor positions statewide and providing pay progression are crucial steps forward. I am pleased that the uncertainty over prosecutor allocation for counties has ended, and that DOA's recommendations are similar to its prior analysis, including several assistant district attorneys that will be added in Northeast Wisconsin."

Sen. André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin's First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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