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Will Rep. Doyle Kowtow to Party Politics?

MADISON – Tomorrow, the state Assembly will vote to reaffirm its commitment to providing care for the disabled and elderly when they vote to override Gov. Evers' veto of <u>Assembly Bill</u> <u>76</u>. Initially casting a vote in support of this bipartisan legislation, all eyes now turn to State Rep. Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) as the Assembly will need the 66 votes it originally garnered to successfully override the governor's veto.

"Back in May, Rep. Doyle recognized the positive impact this legislation would have on communities struggling throughout the state, and western Wisconsin in particular. And the truth is, the shortage of nursing assistants is only expected to get worse," said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna), who scheduled the veto override vote following numerous requests from Assembly colleagues. "With his vote tomorrow, Rep. Doyle will reveal if he is a representative to his constituents, or simply willing to blindly follow his party."

Currently, Wisconsin requires 45 more training hours to become a CNA than our neighboring states of Minnesota, Iowa, and Michigan. AB 76 would change Wisconsin's requirement to match the 75-hour federal standard, putting us on a level playing field with nearby states. Beyond bipartisan support, the <u>legislation is supported by a wide variety of caregiver groups</u>.

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