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The Honorable Tony Evers
Office of the Governor
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Governor Evers,

During the past two weeks, our state and nation have seen incredible pain and outrage. We cannot fathom any circumstance where the police brutality witnessed two weeks ago was justifiable. While we **absolutely** support citizens' first amendment right to make their voices heard, we cannot and must not stand for escalating violence and damage to our State Capitol.

Despite conflicting news reports, these protests are not remaining peaceful when every day we witness new vandalism and destruction of our State Capitol and grounds. We have always said the State Capitol is the "People's House."

The individuals taking part in the peaceful protests have EVERY RIGHT to petition their government for relief and present their grievances. They do not have a right to deface public property, destroy memorials, and inflict damage on our State Capitol, a building that belongs to everyone!

While we understand that these actions have begun on State Street and surrounding areas (under the jurisdiction of the city of Madison), we are calling on you to protect our State Capitol and grounds. Our state property is under the responsibility of the governor; the taxpayers of the state will have to pay for the restoration and clean up.

We cannot allow the actions of those who wish to incite and foment violence mar what is otherwise a lawful, protected assembly of people.

We are calling on you to ensure that people have a house free from vandalism and the effects of rioting, a house to visit and conduct business upon its re-opening. As governor, you have the authority to mobilize plans and people, taking the necessary steps to ensure this does not continue, beginning immediately.

Sincerely,



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38th Assembly District



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21st Senate District



Representative Jesse James
68th Assembly District



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1st Senate District



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24th Assembly District

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11th Senate District



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58th Assembly District



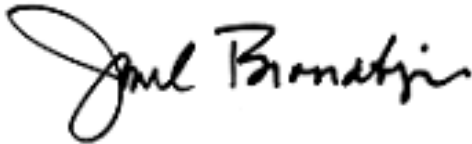
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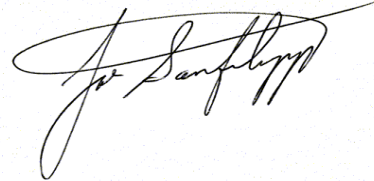
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97th Assembly District



Representative Janel Brandtjen
22nd Assembly District



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15th Assembly District

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50th Assembly District

Pictures of Vandalism and Destruction State Capitol and Grounds



