

Christine Sinicki State Representative

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Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) issued this statement in the State Capitol about Legislative Republicans' actions today regarding Gov Evers' statewide mask mandate:

"Legislative Assembly Republicans managed to do one thing right today. After four and a half hours of dithering over the chaos they had created, they pulled Senate Joint Resolution 3 (SJR3), their mask mandate repeal, off today's floor calendar.

"Along with Sen. Nass and Senate Republicans, Speaker Vos and his caucus shoved SJR 3 onto the floors of both houses less than a week after introduction. They didn't even try to make excuses for refusing to hold public hearings on such a substantive resolution.

"In their haste to pander to their core voters and to stick it to Gov Evers again, Legislative Republicans neglected their due diligence. They proceeded without tracking down all consequences of their mask mandate repeal.

"Turns out, by repealing the Governor's mask mandate and his emergency health declaration, <u>Republicans would have disqualified Wisconsin for around \$49 million in federal food aid a month</u>. That's money that feeds people's children, right after it goes directly to grocers in every corner of the state.

"Haste really does make waste. They tried to fix their problem today, but dug themselves in a deeper hole, then threw up their hands and quit. For today, that is. They'll be back to continue their journey toward no progress.

"Republicans continue to prefer obstruction even above helping their own constituents. And they love continuing to blame Gov. Evers, Legislative Democrats and even each other for the messes they have created."

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