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Rep. McGuire Statement on Republican Repeal of Statewide Mask Order

MADISON – Rep. Tip McGuire made the following statement about the statewide mask which was repealed by Assembly Republicans today:

"Today, Assembly Republicans voted to eliminate the statewide mask order. They did so despite the objections of 59 advocacy groups, without a single one in support. They did so in the face of broad public support for masks and the statewide order. And they did so in the face of settled science that masks slow the spread of COVID-19 and ultimately save lives.

"By voting to eliminate the statewide public health emergency, Assembly Republicans also put tens of millions of dollars of federal funds for FoodShare at risk, which would have quite literally taking food off the tables of Wisconsinites in the middle of a pandemic.

"Our state gained nothing by passing the Assembly Republicans' resolution, which gave in to the demands of the extremists in their party. Today, the majority chose ugly politics where no one wins over the safety and wellbeing of Wisconsinites.

"Thankfully, Governor Evers has issued a replacement statewide order to keep a mask mandate in place. I ask you to please continue to wear masks and be safe to avoid the spread of COVID-19, especially as we grapple with the prospect of more dangerous variants on the horizon."

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